

## House Resolution 1690

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Rayshard Brooks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the untimely and startling passing of one of its  
3 most distinguished citizens with the passing of Rayshard Brooks on June 12, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Rayshard Brooks was born on January 31, 1993, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved  
5 son of Larry Barbine and Angie Brooks Gaston; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Rayshard Brooks was a loving husband to Tomika Miller and a caring and  
7 dependable man to his family, who had a tremendous sense of humor, a bright smile, and an  
8 incredibly kind and generous heart; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Rayshard would frequently remind his loved  
10 ones of the Bible verse Matthew 19:1-12 and emphasize the importance of family in his life;  
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Rayshard Brooks gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and  
13 deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he  
14 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 15 WHEREAS, before his tragic death, he spoke about the need to reform our criminal justice  
16 system and delivered a powerful message that has helped to reshape public discourse and  
17 emphasize the value of rehabilitation; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Rayshard Brooks was a person of magnanimous strengths with an  
19 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the  
20 example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, this state seeks to honor Rayshard Brooks' memory in full, recognizing his  
22 humanity and individuality apart from its significance in the current historical moment where  
23 the community grieves another life lost; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Rayshard Brooks will long be remembered  
25 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
26 fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Rayshard Brooks and  
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Rayshard Brooks.