

House Resolution 1699

By: Representatives Evans of the 89th, Cannon of the 58th, Kennard of the 101st, Prince of the 132nd, McClain of the 109th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Refaat Alareer; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a most distinguished man with the
3 passing of Refaat Alareer on December 6, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Refaat Alareer was born in Gaza City in 1979, one year after the Islamic
5 University of Gaza was established; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the Islamic University of Gaza in
7 2001, a Master of Arts degree in 2007 from the University of London, and a Doctor of
8 Philosophy in English Literature from the Universiti Purtra; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a lecturer and literary giant, he was described as one of the "most prominent
10 English professors" in the region who impacted the lives of many in Gaza and on the campus
11 of the Islamic University of Gaza; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was revered as more than a teacher, being seen and considered as a mentor
13 and friend who "truly cared about his students beyond the classroom"; and

14 WHEREAS, his legacy and lifework as a lecturer, poet, scholar, and literary giant will live
15 on through the lives of the students he taught, and he will forever be known as a man who
16 "fought back and wrote back"; and

17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
19 family and friends were admired by others; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
22 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

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

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