

House Resolution 397

By: Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Glaize of the 67th, Douglas of the 78th, and Willis of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Gary L. Davis Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gary L. Davis Sr. has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played in mentorship and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the youth of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he is the founder of Next Level Boys Academy and executive director of Next
6 Level Empowerment Center Inc., both of which are innovative mentoring organizations
7 committed to the social and emotional development of boys and young men from ages five
8 to 25; and

9 WHEREAS, as part of its goal to support and nurture young men, Next Level Boys Academy
10 currently runs a Diversion Program designed to provide an alternative to jail time for
11 juveniles and adults up to 25 years old, which diverts more than 100,000 years of prison time
12 per week; and

13 WHEREAS, through the various programs ran by his organizations, Gary L. Davis Sr. has
14 mentored more than 1,000 young men and families, providing them with the tools and
15 resources necessary to pave better futures for themselves; and

16 WHEREAS, he has earned numerous awards, accolades, and honors in recognition of the
17 innumerable hours of time and energy he has dedicated to the youth of this state, including
18 the Male Influence of the Year Award and Non-Profit of the Year Award; and

19 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
20 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
21 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
22 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

23 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
24 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Gary L. Davis Sr. for his many wonderful
29 contributions on behalf of the youth of this state and extend the most sincere best wishes for
30 continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gary
33 L. Davis Sr.