

House Resolution 620

By: Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Kennard of the 101st, McClain of the 109th, Romman of the 97th, and Mughal of the 105th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering Muhammad Ali; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali, through his unrelenting spirit to dream, bravery, humility, and
3 inspiring work ethic, committed himself to his passion for boxing and became, after winning
4 the heavy weight title three times, an Olympic gold medal, and a total of 56 matches during
5 his 21-year professional career, the "Greatest Boxer of All Time"; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Ali was a dedicated philanthropist who helped battle hunger around the
7 world, worked with the Special Olympics and the Make A Wish Foundation, and vocalized
8 support for Parkinson's disease research; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ali devoted himself to service and faith and brought honor to our nation
10 by relying on the courage he found in his faith to stand up against injustice; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ali, through his faith and love, committed himself to uniting our nation;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ali's dedication and perseverance continued throughout his life, even after
14 he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ali has a special connection with the city of Atlanta, where he not only lit
16 the cauldron at the 1996 Olympic Games but also, 26 years earlier, staged his comeback to
17 the ring in the old Atlanta Municipal Auditorium against Jerry Quarry; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Ali is a source of inspiration for Georgia, the United States of America, and
19 the entire world; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body appropriately honor the life of
21 Muhammad Ali by remembering Muhammad Ali and by encouraging Georgians to
22 remember his legacy and derive inspiration from the six core principles that fueled his
23 journey: confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, respect, and spirituality.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body:

26 (1) Honor and remember the life of Muhammad Ali in 2024; and

27 (2) Encourage all citizens of Georgia to participate in programs, displays, and activities
28 in 2024 that pay tribute to the legacy of Muhammad Ali and derive inspiration from his
29 incredible life and the six core principals that fueled his journey: confidence, conviction,
30 dedication, giving, respect, and spirituality.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 public and the press.