

House Resolution 916

By: Representatives Greene of the 154th and Cheokas of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Fountain B. Wims; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Fountain B. Wims on January 18, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was affectionately known as "The Cowboy"; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Fountain B. Wims was born on November 12, 1937, in Columbia, Alabama,
6 a beloved son of Daniel and Mamie Lee Everette Wims; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Army for six years, rising to the rank of specialist, valiantly and courageously
9 protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he completed his formative education in public schools in Blakely, Georgia,
11 graduating from Washington High School in 1956 and going on to attend Albany State
12 College, where he majored in health and physical education, graduating in 1960; and

13 WHEREAS, while at Albany State College, he was active in the National Education
14 Association and the Young Men's Christian Association and was a member of the Chi
15 Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the track and basketball teams; and

16 WHEREAS, he continued on at Albany State College, earning Master's of Science degrees
17 in Health and Physical Education, as well as Social Studies, and he earned a third Master's
18 of Science degree in Education Administration from Tuskegee Institute and an Education
19 Specialist degree in Education Administration from Georgia State University; and

20 WHEREAS, he began his 40 year career in education in the Webster County School system
21 in 1960, before moving to Stewart County, where he served as teacher, coach and
22 Stewart-Quitman High School principal, as well being the first African American school
23 superintendent of the county; and

24 WHEREAS, his philosophy as an educator was "If you do better, life will be better," and his
25 tenacious passion and selfless commitment to his students' success in school and in life left
26 an indelible mark on the hearts of thousands of children; and

27 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Cathryne Collier Wims, and was
28 blessed with five remarkable children, Dianne, Daniel, DaiShawn, Danton, and Anthony; and
29 two wonderful grandchildren, Tellas and Kacy; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Fountain B. Wims will long be
31 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
32 had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Fountain B. Wims and
35 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Fountain B. Wims.