

## Senate Resolution 693

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Stone of the 23rd, Mullis of the 53rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the Ways & Means conference room under the jurisdiction of the House of  
2 Representatives to Representative Alfred Jackson "Jay" Powell Jr.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Representative Alfred Jackson "Jay" Powell Jr. on Tuesday, November  
5 26, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Powell was born on November 18, 1952, in Quitman, Georgia,  
7 a beloved son of the late A.J. and Mary Powell; and

8 WHEREAS, a member of the State Bar of Georgia, he practiced law with his long-term  
9 business partner Bill Erwin in Camilla, Georgia, and he served as a judge for the Municipal  
10 Court of Camilla, as president of the Mitchell County Bar Association, and as a member of  
11 the Mitchell County Law Library Board of Trustees and the Georgia Institute of Continuing  
12 Legal Education Board of Trustees; and

13 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Representative Powell held various  
14 executive roles within the Camilla Chamber of Commerce, received the Citizen of the Year  
15 award in 2001 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008, and served as a faithful  
16 member of the Camilla Rotary Club; and

17 WHEREAS, a dedicated and venerable public servant, Representative Powell served as  
18 mayor of Camilla from 1996–2007; he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives  
19 in 2008, where he represented House District 171 until his passing; and

20 WHEREAS, as part of his service in the House of Representatives, Representative Powell  
21 served as chairperson of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety, the Ways and  
22 Means Committee, and the Rules Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Deidra, and was blessed with  
24 five remarkable children, Jessica, Erica, Elizabeth, Nicholas, and Isabella; and one wonderful  
25 grandson, John; and

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

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

32 WHEREAS, Representative Powell's significant organizational and leadership talents,  
33 remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the  
34 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
35 associates.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 dedicate the Ways & Means conference room under the jurisdiction of the House of  
38 Representatives in honor and solemn memory of Representative Alfred Jackson "Jay" Powell  
39 Jr. and authorize the placement of an appropriate plaque so dedicating such conference room.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
42 Representative Alfred Jackson "Jay" Powell Jr.