

House Resolution 688

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Boddie of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, Hogan of the 179<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Memorializing Mr. Ahmaud Marquez Arbery; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, the State of Georgia honors one of its most distinguished  
3 citizens; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ahmaud Marquez Arbery was a blessed Mother's Day gift from God, born  
5 to Wanda Cooper-Jones on May 8, 1994, in Brunswick, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Arbery was a known athlete prior to the senseless loss of his life because  
7 of the color of his skin; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Arbery was a loving son, brother of Jasmine Arbery, uncle, grandson,  
9 nephew, cousin, and friend who left an impact on countless Georgians and Americans; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Arbery will long be remembered for  
11 his love of family and community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia overturned the citizen arrest law that was written in the  
13 1800s; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed into law the Georgia Hate  
15 Crime Act; and

16 WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Triana Arnold James, Georgia NOW, the  
17 organization's members, and the community are encouraged to Run with Maud 2.23 miles  
18 annually in advocating for racial equality (#IStillRunWithMaud); and

19 WHEREAS, February 23 will forever be known annually in the State of Georgia as The  
20 Ahmaud Arbery Day.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body join in memorializing Mr. Ahmaud Marquez Arbery.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
25 family of Mr. Ahmaud Marquez Arbery.