

Washington, DC - On Thursday evening, Augusta area Congressman John Barrow (Georgia-12th District) paid his final respects to the late State Representative Henry Howard. In a speech delivered on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, Barrow praised Howard as a leader "who always served his hometown with dignity, compassion, and an endless supply of love and good will."

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Augusta, Georgia's, finest community leaders. State Representative Henry Howard passed away Monday morning. A dedicated public servant and a believer in the power of gospel music, Henry Howard always served his hometown with dignity, compassion, and an endless supply of love and good will.

"Mr. Howard was a beloved son of Georgia's Garden City. An entrepreneur with a sound business sense, he helped build up many small businesses across the city. Later he would enter public service, serving on the Richmond County Commission. Soon after that he was elected to the state legislature, where he established himself as one of Augusta's most accomplished and hard working State Representatives. He was reelected seven times in a row.

"Just before his last reelection, the local paper praised Representative Howard, saying simply, "his goal is the same as that of every Augustan - the betterment of our city."

"When Henry Howard passed away Monday morning, we lost a public servant who led by example - a leader who shared the beliefs and hopes of his hometown.

"The Bible says that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver or gold. Mr. Speaker, Henry Howard made a good name for himself and enjoyed the loving favor of all who knew him."

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