

House Resolution 822

By: Representative Purcell of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Honorable Albert Dan "Big Al" Pridgen; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 23, 2001, the citizens of Bryan County and the State of
4 Georgia lost a distinguished public servant and friend with the passing of Honorable Albert
5 Dan "Big Al" Pridgen; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born on February 25, 1933, to Rhonda and Daniel Pridgen in Ellabell,
7 Georgia, attended school in Bryan County, and enlisted in the United States Army at the age
8 of 17; and

9 WHEREAS, he served with devotion to his country as a member of the army until his
10 retirement as a Sergeant Major in 1979, having received numerous commendations; and

11 WHEREAS, following his return to Bryan County, he became a successful businessman, was
12 a founding partner of Pembroke Motors and Computer Wiz, and became a major political
13 force in Bryan County; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1998, he was elected as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Bryan
15 County and rapidly earned a well-deserved reputation as a champion of common sense and
16 property rights; and

17 WHEREAS, he was the devoted husband of Mrs. Nonie Pridgen and the father of four
18 outstanding children, Gloria Pridgen-Lemons, Jerome Pridgen, Ronald Sims, and Nicholas
19 Pridgen.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body express their deepest regret at the passing of Honorable Albert Dan
22 "Big Al" Pridgen and extend their sincerest sympathy to the members of his family.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Honorable
3 Albert Dan "Big Al" Pridgen.