

## House Resolution 1374

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Murphy of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Walker of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Rogers of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Buck of the 135<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the placement of a portrait of Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., at the Georgia War  
2 Veterans Home in Milledgeville; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., was privileged to serve this great nation during  
4 World War II from December 31, 1942 to February 26, 1946, with overseas duty in the  
5 Philippines; and

6 WHEREAS, he was in the retail business prior to and immediately after World War II, has  
7 been continuously active in the insurance industry in December, 1951, and is currently  
8 serving as Chairman Emeritus of HRH-Turner, Wood & Smith Insurance Center in  
9 Gainesville, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he is a charter member of VFW Post 8452 in Gainesville, Georgia, has been a  
11 member since October, 1946, served as Post Commander and District Commander, served  
12 as Commander of the State of Georgia in 1953-54, was a member of the All-American Team  
13 and Commander of the Year of Department Commanders and has been privileged to serve  
14 on national appointments for over four decades, including service as National Chief of Staff,  
15 Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee on two occasions, a member for many years  
16 on the Legislative and VFW-PAC Committees, and Chairman of the VFW-PAC Committee  
17 on two occasions; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a life member of the VFW, the American Legion, and the DAV; and

19 WHEREAS, he is active in religious and community affairs, is an active member of the  
20 Chicopee Baptist Church and the Rotary Club, is a past trustee of Gainesville College, and  
21 a trustee and member of the executive committee of Truett McConnell College; and

1 WHEREAS, he served with distinction, dedication, and ability as a member of the House of  
2 Representatives for 23 years, during which time he served as either chairman or vice  
3 chairman of the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, following his retirement from the General Assembly, the state constructed a  
5 150-bed nursing home for veterans in Milledgeville at a cost of over \$6 million and named  
6 this outstanding facility the "Joe T. Wood Building"; and

7 WHEREAS, Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., has served for 13 years as legislative consultant  
8 for the Medical Association of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, he was devoted to his late wife, Helen T. Wood, and is the father of an  
10 outstanding son, Joe T. Wood, Jr., and the proud grandfather of Marinell and Trey Wood;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Wood family has graciously made an oil painting of Honorable Joe T.  
13 Wood, Sr., available to the State of Georgia.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 GEORGIA that the members of this body recognize and commend Honorable Joe T. Wood,  
16 Sr., for his many years of service to the State of Georgia and the veterans of this nation and  
17 hereby direct that the portrait of Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., be placed in the entrance lobby  
18 of the Joe T. Wood Building at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr.,  
21 and the commissioner of veterans affairs.