

## House Resolution 1751

By: Representative Holland of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the life of Gilbert D. Branch; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Gilbert D. Branch, was born in Worth County, Georgia, and was the son of Rev.  
3 Perry L. Branch and Bertha Lee Harris Branch and was a resident most of his adult life in  
4 Turner County, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he lived in Turner County, Georgia, since 1954 and served as County Agent of  
6 Turner County, Georgia, and as Vice-President and Chairman of the Board of the Ashburn  
7 Bank; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Branch served his country during World War II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated servant of the Lord and his church serving as a Deacon, a  
10 member of the brotherhood, and teacher of the Gilbert Branch Sunday School Class for  
11 almost half a century and raised his family in the service of the Lord; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in his retirement he was well known as "Sport" in the "Sport and Dolly"  
13 Christian Comedy team performing in seven states and four foreign countries, bringing  
14 homespun humor, music and messages of Christian love to thousands; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his love for his family was unequalled being the loving husband of Blanche B.  
16 Branch, the father of Ron, Stanley, Jody, Cathy Thompson, Beverly Lussi, the grandfather  
17 of seventeen grandchildren, and the great-grandfather of four great-grandchildren; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in March of this year, this wonderful man went to be with the Lord; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this House commemorates the life of this fine  
20 dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and Christian man, whose life was  
21 a shining example to so many others.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commemorate the life and accomplishments of Gilbert D. Branch  
3 and express their condolences upon his passing.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his wife, Blanche B. Branch.