

House Resolution 715

By: Representatives Holland of the 157th, Childers of the 13th and Smith of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Justice Horace Elmo Nichols; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a source of deep sorrow to the Legislature of Georgia is the lamentable death
3 of Justice Horace Elmo Nichols, at the age of 87 years, on June 9, 2000; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born in Elkmont, Alabama, on July 16, 1912, and attended Columbia and
5 graduated in 1933; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Justice Nichols attended the Cumberland School of Law where he served the
7 Order and other student organizations with unselfish devotion and graduated from law school
8 in 1936; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly and with unselfish devotion for 32 years as a jurist and
10 judge for the justice system of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Justice Nichols began serving as a State Superior Court Judge in Rome, Gordon
12 County, Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Justice Nichols continued to serve the great State of Georgia with service as
14 judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals until his appointment to the Georgia State Supreme
15 Court; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly and with unselfish devotion for the State of Georgia when
17 he was appointed as a Justice on the Georgia Supreme Court and for 14 years served in
18 Georgia's highest court as a Justice and Chief Justice; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Justice Nichols championed scores of causes and had been especially significant
20 in his efforts on behalf of civic and community projects; as well as an ardent supporter of
21 legal reform in Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Horace Elmo Nichols, whose extensive career as a lawyer and jurist has
2 been recognized and admired by his peers for extraordinary leadership and significant
3 achievements, indeed serves as a role model for all citizens of Georgia.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body hereby express their deepest regret in the death of Justice Nichols,
6 and extend their most heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved wife, Mrs. Nichols.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Horace Elmo Nichols.