

House Resolution 568

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Post 1, Smyre of the 111th, Coleman of the 118th, Porter of the 119th, Skipper of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Roy E. Barnes as the recipient of the 2003 John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage
2 Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Roy E. Barnes will receive the 2003 John F. Kennedy Profiles in
4 Courage Award in recognition of his leadership as Governor of Georgia and his initiative in
5 changing the state flag; and

6 WHEREAS, he recognized that the 1956 state flag represented an act of defiance against
7 federal judicial decisions ending racial separation throughout his native southern region; and

8 WHEREAS, as a former long-standing member of the Georgia General Assembly he had
9 witnessed the unending debate on the flag and determined that it was incumbent upon him
10 as Governor to address this injustice; and

11 WHEREAS, the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award is given to "elected officials
12 who choose principles over partisanship - to do what is right, rather than what is expedient,"
13 and Honorable Roy E. Barnes demonstrated the fortitude to stand by his moral precepts
14 regardless of the personal consequences because he knew it was the right decision for the
15 state he loved and still loves today!

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 this body honors Honorable Roy E. Barnes as the recipient of the 2003 John F. Kennedy
18 Profiles in Courage Award and conveys its respect and admiration for his high honor.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Roy E. Barnes.