

## House Resolution 704

By: Representatives Walker of the 115<sup>th</sup>, McCall of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Buck of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and Powell of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of L. Clifford Adams, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, L. Clifford Adams, Jr., was born in Sylvania, Georgia, in 1932, was an alumnus  
3 of Waynesboro High School, North Georgia College, and University of Georgia Law School,  
4 served his country well and honorably in the United States Army Reserves, on active duty  
5 in Germany with the 11th Cavalry, United States Army, as both a reconnaissance man and  
6 a quartermaster and, upon returning stateside, served with the 53rd Reconnaissance Battalion,  
7 3rd Army Division, ultimately attaining the rank of Major; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was the first General Counsel of the Georgia Municipal  
9 Association, which he also assisted in forming, was instrumental in the formation of the  
10 Electric cities unit of the GMA, conceived of the idea of the Municipal Electric Authority of  
11 Georgia, drafted its legislation, and worked tirelessly in the legislature for the passage of the  
12 Act creating MEAG Power in 1975, paved the way for MEAG Power to acquire interests in  
13 coal and nuclear plants with Georgia Power, Oglethorpe Power, and the City of Dalton on  
14 behalf of the Georgia cities that are its members, making MEAG Power one of the first and  
15 still among the leading joint action agencies in the United States, and served as its General  
16 Counsel from its inception in the early 1970s until his retirement in December of 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Adams also wrote and worked for the passage in 1987 of the legislation  
18 creating the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, a sister authority to MEAG Power, uniting  
19 the interests of Georgia cities that own their own gas distribution systems, and then assisted  
20 the gas authority in negotiating its full-requirements gas supply contracts with the 74 Georgia  
21 cities that are members and in creating novel and effective means for the gas authority to  
22 acquire long-term, economical, and dependable gas supplies at low cost for its members'  
23 wholesale needs, and served as both General Counsel and bond counsel to the gas authority  
24 from its creation in the General Assembly in 1987 through his retirement in December of  
25 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Adams, friend to all, brought his infectious and easy good humor to all  
2 areas of his practice, from the halls of the Capitol to arguments before the Supreme Court of  
3 Georgia to the smallest city council chambers in the state, showing deep and genuine interest  
4 in every person he encountered; and

5 WHEREAS, his vision for the development of the state through joint action and cooperation  
6 among governments providing essential services, particularly in the less populated areas that  
7 were not economically attractive to investor owned utilities, helped to provide equity of  
8 electric power, natural gas, and telecommunications services, as well as economic  
9 development opportunities, all over the State of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Adams traveled widely, laughed loudly, enjoyed great wine, admired art,  
11 used for the good of the state his acute business and legal mind, was a great chef and loved  
12 and honored his friends and his family, including his wife, Emily Chandler Adams, his  
13 daughter, Holly Adams Ter Haar, his son, L. Clifford Adams III, his sister, Jane Adams Finn,  
14 his granddaughters, Abigail Adams, Madeline Adams, and Chandler Adams, and his  
15 brother-in-law, Chap Chandler, and his generosity and great good cheer to all was truly  
16 impressive and never failing.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body join in expressing their gratitude to the late L. Clifford Adams, Jr.,  
19 for his service to this state and in honoring him for his many achievements and his creative  
20 thinking and dedication to furthering the joint action of local governments and economic  
21 development of the state.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of L. Clifford  
24 Adams, Jr.