

House Resolution 782

By: Representatives Hill of the 16th, Franklin of the 17th, Murphy of the 14th, Post 2, Rogers of the 15th, and Knox of the 14th, Post 1

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and posthumously honoring James C. (Jim) Gilmore for the many contributions
2 he made during his lifetime to the citizens of the United States of America, the State of
3 Georgia, and Cherokee County; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Jim Gilmore served his country with distinction as a Major in the United States
5 Marine Corps where he was known as a superior C-130 pilot and helicopter pilot, risking life
6 and limb as he flew missions during the Vietnam conflict; and

7 WHEREAS, he was granted the title "honorary lawyer" by the Marine Corps Association of
8 Georgia Lawyers (MCAGL) for his staunch support in its formation and membership
9 thereafter; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as an Eastern Airlines pilot for many years, earning the respect and
11 admiration of his peers and passengers alike; and

12 WHEREAS, he served in various roles as valued member of the Rotary Club of Canton
13 leadership team, where he exemplified the Rotary motto "Service Above Self"; and

14 WHEREAS, he and his wife Kay served as the "host family" for the Rotary Club of Canton's
15 international student from Mexico and they indeed ministered to young Francisco Javier
16 Lozano Soto as one of their own children during this year as he attended Reinhardt College;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Jim served as Chairman of the annual Rotary Club Fundraiser (2002-2003),
19 raising over \$20,000.00, a portion of which has been donated to the Anna Crawford
20 Children's Center for the construction of an emergency children's shelter which Jim
21 wholeheartedly supported; and

1 WHEREAS, as a commercial pilot and owner and operator of a charter service he served
2 members of the Georgia community and worked for years as the pilot for RDA Systems, Inc.,
3 of Canton, Georgia, where his proficiency as a pilot was frequently lauded; and

4 WHEREAS, in addition to his exemplary career and accomplishments as a pilot, he has been
5 an active member of the community where he most recently served as Chairman of the Board
6 of Directors of the Cherokee County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Gilmore was a devoted family man to his wife Kay and four children.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body recognize and honor the late James C. Gilmore for his outstanding
10 professional accomplishments and community service.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kay Gilmore, widow of
13 James C. Gilmore.