

House Resolution 1356

By: Representatives McBee of the 74th, Birdsong of the 104th, and Heard of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Dr. George W. Langdale; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Clarke County, and the State of Georgia lost one of its
3 leading scientists, Korean War veterans, and citizens with the passing of Dr. George W.
4 Langdale; and
- 5 WHEREAS, upon completing Infantry Leaders training in November, 1951, Dr. Langdale
6 was assigned to his beloved 27th Infantry "Wolfhound" Regiment, 25th Infantry "Tropic
7 Lightning" Division; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he began his combat tour as a Browning Automatic Rifleman in January, 1952,
9 near Heartbreak Ridge and finished as a rifle platoon sergeant in late November of the same
10 year; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he survived the fierce Battle of Sandbag Castle and was awarded the Purple
12 Heart for injuries he sustained at the hands of the enemy in the Mungdung-ni Valley; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Dr. Langdale's illustrious soil science career with the U.S. Department of
14 Agriculture began in 1957 after earning a B.S. degree, with the support of the G.I. Bill, from
15 Clemson University; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he earned his Ph.D. in soil science from the University of Georgia; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his many contributions to science and technology focused on intensive crop
18 residue management as a way to reduce soil erosion, and his research contributed to data
19 bases for developing soil and water resource models, spanning from the USLE to WEPP, and
20 is documented in more than 100 scientific papers and books; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society
2 of America, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Sigma Xi International Society of Soil
3 Science, and the World Association Soil and Water Conservation; and

4 WHEREAS, for his scientific research and achievements, he was awarded the USDA
5 Certificate of Merit four times and the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Langdale was named Georgia's 1989 Man of the Year in soil and water
7 conservation and a Fellow by the Soil Conservation Society of America, the American
8 Society of Agronomy, and the Soil Science Society of America.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body honor and remember the life of Dr. George W. Langdale for his
11 heroic service to his country in the Korean War and his many humanitarian contributions to
12 science, his state, the nation, and the world.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. George
15 W. Langdale.