

House Resolution 1609

By: Representative Powell of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of William O. Carter; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on August 8, 2003, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
3 distinguished citizens with the tragic passing of William O. Carter; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was a veteran of World War II, serving on the destroyer USS Mayo in the
5 United States Navy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after service, he entered the University of Georgia, where he earned an
7 undergraduate degree in political science and an LLB degree, cum laude, from the University
8 of Georgia School of Law; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1948 and served on its Board of
10 Governors and various other committees; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was a member and past president of the Northern Judicial Circuit Bar
12 Association, a lifetime member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and its president
13 in 1974, and a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a trial lawyer throughout his 50 years of practice; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Georgia House of Representatives in 1957 and 1958
16 and was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel Aide de Camp Governor's Staff by Georgia
17 Governors S. Ernest Vandiver, George Busbee, and Joe Frank Harris; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was named an "Admiral of the Georgia Navy" by Georgia Governor George
19 Busbee; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a member of Delta Theta Chi legal fraternity, the Georgia Alumni
2 Association, the Gridiron Secret Society, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, V.F.W.
3 Post 8076, a member and past Post Commander of the American Legion Post 109, and a
4 former member and past president of the Hartwell Kiwanis Club and the Benevolent and
5 Protective Order of Elks, Elberton Lodge No. 1100; and

6 WHEREAS, he was a member of Bowersville Lodge No. 595 Free and Accepted Masons,
7 Fred E. Lee Chapter No. 86 of the Royal Arch Masons, Franklin Council No. 50 of the Royal
8 and Select Master Masons, and a 32 degree Mason of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and
9 of the Yaarab Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong member of the Hartwell First United Methodist Church and
11 the Wallace White Sunday School Class; and he served his church in many capacities and
12 was a benefactor to many churches and organizations throughout his community.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of William
15 O. Carter and extend to his family their utmost appreciation for his having served his
16 community and state as a lawyer, mentor, and benefactor.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William O.
19 Carter.