

## House Resolution 1618

By: Representatives Murphy of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Post 2, Knox of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Jones of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Willard of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Campbell of the 39<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life and service of the Honorable Richard S. Gault; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Forsyth County and the State of Georgia lost one of their most distinguished,  
4 respected, and admired husbands, fathers, and jurists with the passing of the Honorable  
5 Richard S. Gault, chief judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit, on  
6 July 23, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Marietta High School, was a cadet at the United States Air  
8 Force Academy, and earned his Juris Doctorate from the Emory University School of Law;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he spent four years in the service of the United States Air Force during the  
11 Vietnam War and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain in 1971; and

12 WHEREAS, he spent 13 years in private practice, six years as an Assistant and Special  
13 Assistant Attorney General of Georgia, and six years as the solicitor of the State Court of  
14 Cherokee and Forsyth counties; and

15 WHEREAS, he spent four years as judge of the State Court of Cherokee and Forsyth  
16 counties and 14 years as judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit prior  
17 to his service as chief judge of that circuit; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated member of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia  
19 serving as the organization's president from 1998-1999 and was a member of the Forsyth  
20 Rotary Club; and

21 WHEREAS, he was the former director of the Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce and  
22 a loyal and devoted parishioner of the First Baptist Church of Cumming; and

1 WHEREAS, he was married to his beautiful wife, Paula Heard Gault, and together they  
2 shared a love for their four wonderful daughters Michelle Leak, Melanie Martin, Kelley  
3 Story, and Kristin Martin.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body honor and remember the life and service of the Honorable  
6 Richard S. Gault and extend to his family their deepest condolences.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Paula Heard Gault.