

House Resolution 1886

By: Representatives Rogers of the 20th, Reece of the 21st, Mills of the 67th, Post 2, Amerson of the 9th, and Coan of the 67th, Post 1

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of Mr. Edward Hogan "Doc" Shannon, Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Edward Hogan Shannon, Sr., was born on November 17, 1915, in East
4 Point, Georgia, to his parents, Irene Hogg Shannon and Willard Hughes Shannon, and was
5 known to his friends simply as "Doc"; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology before graduating from
7 Columbia University with a degree in optometry in 1938; and

8 WHEREAS, he began to practice optometry in Griffin, Georgia, and there met the love of
9 his life and future wife, the former Emily Kathryn Wallace; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1942, Mr. Shannon enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and was
11 sent to the New York University College of Engineering to study meteorology; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1943, he was commissioned as a captain in the air corps and was assigned
13 to the European theater's 100th Fighter Wing, 21st Weather Squadron and, for his
14 distinguished service, was awarded the Bronze Star; and

15 WHEREAS, following his World War II service, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon relocated to
16 Gainesville, Georgia, and opened an optometry practice; and

17 WHEREAS, nearly 30 years after his first college degree, Mr. Shannon enrolled at the
18 Emory University School of Law and graduated ninth in his class; and

19 WHEREAS, he selflessly applied his law degree and community stature to seek justice and
20 equality for minorities and the poor; and

1 WHEREAS, he was named to the Georgia State Board of Examiners in Optometry and was
2 the chairperson of the Southern College of Optometry and a respected member of both the
3 American Optometric Association and the Georgia Optometric Association; and

4 WHEREAS, he was a prominent member of his local Rotary Club, Lions Club, American
5 Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

6 WHEREAS, he was a member and a deacon of the First Baptist Church and is survived by
7 his wife, Emily; children, Michael, Ed Jr., and Elaine; and five glorious grandchildren.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body honor and remember the great life, spirit, military service, and
10 social activism of Mr. Edward Hogan "Doc" Shannon, Sr.

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 Emily Wallace Shannon.