

House Resolution 1952

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 41st and Jones of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Jack Elrod on the occasion of his 80th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jack Elrod of Sandy Springs, Georgia, was born March 29, 1924, in
3 Gainesville, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he honorably served his country as a member of the United States Navy for
5 three and a half years in the Pacific Theatre during World War II; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after his wartime service he studied advertising design and layout for two years
7 at the Harris Advertising Art School in Nashville, Tennessee, before graduating from the
8 Atlanta Art Institute in 1949; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1950 in Atlanta he joined Ed Dodd, the remarkable creator of the world
10 famous comic strip Mark Trail; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he helped develop the Mark Trail character into the nation's greatest
12 preservationist of its natural resources of woods, water, and wildlife for future generations
13 reaching nearly 23 million readers worldwide; and
- 14 WHEREAS, since succeeding Ed Dodd as the chief writer and artist for Mark Trail in 1978,
15 he has produced a variety of materials for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help teach
16 schoolchildren respect for the environment; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has assisted the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
18 by making Mark Trail the voice of the National Weather Service and NOAA Weather Radio;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, he was honored in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan for his efforts to develop
2 more pride in America and to reduce carelessness and abusive activity such as littering,
3 vandalism and theft, and wildlife poaching; and

4 WHEREAS, he has been married to his wonderful wife, the former Mary Anne Candee, for
5 54 years and they have four children and 11 grandchildren all totally devoted to the
6 conservationist principles taught by Mark Trail.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body extend their very best wishes to Jack Elrod on the occasion of his
9 80th birthday and their hopes that he will continue to lead Mark Trail and his friends well
10 into this new century and that he will teach many more Georgians the importance of
11 preserving our woods, waters, and wildlife.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jack Elrod.