

House Resolution 133

By: Representatives Davis of the 109th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Harbin of the 118th, Forster of the 3rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the congressional delegation of the State of Georgia to work to abolish permanently
2 the death tax; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the death tax was temporarily phased
4 out but not permanently eliminated; and
- 5 WHEREAS, farmers and other small business owners will face losing their farms and
6 businesses if the federal government resumes the heavy taxation of citizens at death; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this is a tax that is particularly damaging to families who are working their way
8 up the ladder and trying to accumulate wealth for the first time; and
- 9 WHEREAS, employees suffer layoffs when small and medium businesses are liquidated to
10 pay death taxes; and
- 11 WHEREAS, if the death tax had been repealed in 1996, the United States economy would
12 have realized billions of dollars of extra output each year and an average of 145,000
13 additional new jobs would have been created; and
- 14 WHEREAS, having repeatedly passed in the United States House of Representatives and
15 Senate, repeal of the death tax holds wide bipartisan support.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body urge our elected Senators and Representatives in the United States
18 Congress to support, work to pass, and vote for the immediate and permanent repeal of the
19 death tax.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State of Georgia's
3 congressional delegation.