

Senate Resolution 115

By: Senators Starr of the 44th, Hooks of the 14th and Walker of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Frank H. Edwards; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the State of Georgia lost a distinguished public
3 servant and a loyal citizen with the passing of Frank H. Edwards; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this beloved individual exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
5 loyalty, exemplary leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all he did; and
- 6 WHEREAS, for 39 years and one month he served as the chief bill-drafter for the General
7 Assembly of Georgia, first in the Bill Drafting Unit of the Office of the Attorney General of
8 Georgia and later as legislative counsel; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was a native of Toccoa but grew up in Commerce, where he gained the
10 nickname "Chick" as the result of raising bantam chickens as a Boy Scout and became an
11 accomplished drummer, a love which he practiced for the rest of his life; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he earned a degree from Mercer University in 1940 and a law degree from the
13 University of Georgia School of Law in 1942; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he remained a passionate Georgia Bulldog fan throughout his life and rarely
15 missed a home game; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction as an aircraft mechanic in the
17 Army Air Force during World War II; and
- 18 WHEREAS, following his military service he passed the state bar examination, engaged in
19 the private practice of law, joined the staff of Attorney General Eugene Cook, and was
20 assigned the task of assisting the General Assembly in the drafting of bills and resolutions;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, in 1959, the Office of Legislative Counsel was created within the legislative
2 branch of state government and he moved to the state capitol to become the state's first
3 legislative counsel; and

4 WHEREAS, prior to his retirement as legislative counsel in 1987, he oversaw the drafting
5 of more than 87,000 bills, resolutions, and amendments and was instrumental in the creation
6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and the Constitution of the State of Georgia of
7 1983; and

8 WHEREAS, he was known by everyone under the Gold Dome for his outstanding legal
9 abilities; his studious commitment to providing every member of the General Assembly with
10 quality legal services in a nonpartisan manner; his remarkable patience, kindness, and
11 diplomacy; his keen sense of vision; his delightful sense of humor; his role as a mentor; and
12 his counsel, friendship, and leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, he was the devoted husband of Mrs. Laline White Edwards, the father of two
14 wonderful daughters, Gail Walker and Jeanie Siegel, and the proud grandfather of three
15 grandsons.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 express their deepest regret at the passing of Frank H. Edwards and extend their sincerest
18 sympathy to the members of his family.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Frank H. Edwards.