

House Resolution 535

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Richardson of the 19th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Lunsford of the 110th, Knight of the 126th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable John Yates; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, Honorable John Yates has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation
6 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
7 welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, this native son of Spalding County diligently and conscientiously served his
9 country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States military during World
10 War II; and

11 WHEREAS, this extraordinary combat veteran played a key role in opening the battle lines
12 at the Battle of the Bulge and was a military observer of the liberation of Dachau
13 Concentration Camp; and

14 WHEREAS, following his stellar military service he began a 35 year career with Ford Motor
15 Company; and

16 WHEREAS, he followed this with yet another career when he entered politics in 1989 and
17 began faithfully representing the citizens of Spalding County with dynamic distinction,
18 steadfast dedication, and ardent ability during his tenure as a member of the House of
19 Representatives; and

20 WHEREAS, his thoughtful and well reasoned consideration of the complex matters brought
21 to this chamber and his unquestioned integrity and unmatched work ethic earned him the
22 honor, respect, and trust of his colleagues over the years and were recognized through his

1 many committee responsibilities, which included serving as chairman of the House
2 Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs and as a member of the House Committee on
3 Appropriations, the House Committee on Higher Education, the House Committee on
4 Reapportionment, and the House Committee on Motor Vehicles; and

5 WHEREAS, the gentleman from the 73rd District has demonstrated during his service in this
6 body the level of leadership ideally expected of elected officials, and of members of the
7 House of Representatives in particular; and

8 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
9 spirit and willpower and will always serve as a reminder that "freedom is not free," and it is
10 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and
11 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body commend Honorable John Yates for his efficient, effective,
14 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and extend to him their
15 most profound appreciation for all members of the United States military who stand ever
16 ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable John Yates.