

## House Resolution 2135

By: Representatives Coleman of the 144<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, and Morris of the 155<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Walter Clarence "Dub" Taylor and recognizing his son, Buck Taylor; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Walter Clarence "Dub" Taylor was born in 1907 in Richmond, Virginia, lived  
4 in Augusta for part of his youth, and always considered himself a Georgian; and

5 WHEREAS, Dub Taylor was a prolific American character actor who worked extensively  
6 in westerns; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1939, he debuted in Frank Capra's *You Can't Take It With You* and  
8 immediately thereafter appeared in *The Taming of the West*, for which he originated the  
9 character "Cannonball," a comic sidekick to "Wild Bill," and continued through more than  
10 a dozen films; and

11 WHEREAS, he continued to act in other movies, which included a number of classics,  
12 among them *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939), *A Star Is Born* (the 1954 version), and  
13 *Them!* (1954), along with dozens of television roles; and

14 WHEREAS, although it is impossible to list all of Dub's appearances and roles in American  
15 television and movies over the decades, arguably his most memorable role may be as the  
16 father of Michael J. Pollard's C.W. Moss in *Bonnie and Clyde* (1967), continuing a prolific  
17 career until his death in October, 1994; and

18 WHEREAS, his son Buck Taylor is also a legendary actor and recognized national artist,  
19 having won numerous prestigious awards such as the "Spirit of Texas Award," and was  
20 inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in January, 2006; and

21 WHEREAS, Buck Taylor played the gunsmith "Newly O'Brien" on TV's 20-season network  
22 run show *Gunsmoke*; and

1 WHEREAS, Buck is also a prolific character actor, most recently starring along with Julia  
2 Roberts and George Strait in *Grand Champion*; and

3 WHEREAS, Buck has starred in over 38 films, including, most recently, *Tombstone*,  
4 *Gettysburg*, *Wild Wild West*, *Screen Door Jesus*, and *Gods and Generals*; and

5 WHEREAS, Buck is a talented artist, working primarily in watercolors painting western  
6 scenes, and is the official poster artist for the Fort Worth Stock Show, Fort Worth Texas  
7 Pendleton Round-Up, the American Quarter Horse Association, and the American Quarter  
8 Horse Association Congress; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Cowboys, Heroes, and Pardners (CHAPS), a wonderful organization  
10 in South Georgia, loves the western genre and honors the memory of Georgia's beloved Dub  
11 Taylor each year in celebration; and

12 WHEREAS, Buck Taylor graciously presents the annual award in his father's name,  
13 providing the recipient an autographed copy of his touching watercolor of Buck and his  
14 father, aptly titled "Dad and Me"; and

15 WHEREAS, Dub Taylor brought entertainment and laughter to generations of Americans  
16 and Georgians, and Buck Taylor continues his father's legacy of filmography and artistic  
17 endeavors, so it is only fitting that this body recognize these talented individuals.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 this body honors the memory of Dub Taylor and recognizes the talents of Buck Taylor,  
20 extending best wishes for Buck's continued success.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Buck Taylor.