

## House Resolution 2144

By: Representatives Tumlin of the 38<sup>th</sup> and Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of James Dana Eastham; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on March 25, 2006, Georgia lost one of its most distinguished public servants  
3 with the passing of James Dana Eastham; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as a young man, Dana Eastham was an extraordinary athlete at Brown  
5 University, where he was captain of the wrestling team, elected to Brown University's Hall  
6 of Fame, and chosen one of Brown's "100 Greatest Athletes of the Century"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he went on to serve in the United States Army and was on the Army's  
8 All-American Wrestling Team and was first alternate on the 1956 United States Olympic  
9 Graeco-Roman Wrestling Team; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Eastham is perhaps best remembered for his many accomplishments over  
11 his 16 years of service to the City of Marietta as its mayor from 1974 to 1982 and as  
12 councilman for eight years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, for 40 years he faithfully attended the Marietta Rotary Club and was a recipient  
14 of its prestigious Paul Harris Award; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Eastham was past chairman of the Marietta Board of Lights and Water, past  
16 chairman of the Board of Cobb County Emergency Aid Association, past chairman of the  
17 YMCA Advisory Board, past president of the PTA, and retired president of Eastham Data  
18 Processing Company; and
- 19 WHEREAS, an active leader in the First United Methodist Church of Marietta for 52 years,  
20 he was a charter member of the Jack Aaron Sunday School Class, chancel choir member, and  
21 president of the Methodist Men's Club; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather having married Mariettian  
2 Merrillyn Nolen Welch, with whom he raised five children, James Lee Eastham, Merrillyn  
3 E. Burt, Dana N. Eastham, Pearson H. Eastham, and Stephen Saville Eastham; and

4 WHEREAS, Dana Eastham was a tireless, dedicated civil servant who truly gave his all,  
5 unconditionally, to the development and growth of Marietta and whose contributions to the  
6 community as a civil leader leave a legacy that will never be forgotten.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
8 this body the members of this body join in honoring the life of James Dana Eastham and  
9 express their sorrow at his passing.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of James Dana  
12 Eastham.