

House Resolution 2154

By: Representative Ray of the 136<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Clyde Yates Crutchfield; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Clyde Yates Crutchfield of Fort Valley, Georgia, is one of his community's  
3 most well-known and beloved citizens, respected and admired by all for his kindness,  
4 friendly personality, and love for every individual he meets; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 17, 1922, in Jones County and moved to Fort Valley  
6 in 1925; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Peach County High School, Mr. Crutchfield served his country  
8 with the utmost valor and distinction as a member of the United States Army from 1942  
9 through 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, and Czechoslovakia; and

10 WHEREAS, after losing two good friends in the Battle of Fresnos, France, Mr. Crutchfield  
11 bravely volunteered to take their place and later earned numerous decorations, including the  
12 American Theater Ribbon, the EAMET Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the WWII  
13 Victory Medal, and the Bronze Star; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield worked for Blue Bird Body Company for three years and was  
15 self-employed with Texaco at a service station in Fort Valley for 25 years; after the station  
16 closed, he was employed with Warren Greene Chevrolet-Olds from 1974 until his retirement  
17 in 1985; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield is a faithful and highly active member of Wesley Chapel  
19 Methodist Church, where for the past 53 years he has diligently worked to maintain the  
20 church grounds and cemetery; and

1 WHEREAS, always ready to help his fellow man, Mr. Crutchfield is truly a pillar of his  
2 community, and the citizens of Fort Valley are very fortunate to be able to count this  
3 exceptional gentleman as a neighbor and friend.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body join to commend Mr. Clyde Yates Crutchfield on his lifetime of  
6 service to his community, state, and nation and to thank him for his many invaluable  
7 contributions to Georgia.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Clyde Yates  
10 Crutchfield.