

House Resolution 2317

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Perry O. Herrin, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens on February 7, 2006, with
3 the passing of Mr. Perry O. Herrin, Sr., at the age of 93; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Waycross, Mr. Herrin graduated from Waycross High School and
5 attended The Citadel; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Herrin and his brother, Ralph, opened the Herrin Stove and Range
7 Company, later known as Herrin Brothers Furniture, Inc., in 1934, beginning a highly
8 successful business partnership that would last for over 40 years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1956, the Herrin brothers, along with Mr. M.M. Monroe, Sr., and with the
10 assistance of many others, founded Southern Bank, later known as Bank South and Bank of
11 America; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Herrin served his country honorably as a member of the 65th and 9th
13 Infantry Divisions of the United States Army during World War II in the European Theater
14 of Operations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Herrin was a very active member of First Baptist
16 Church for over 60 years, serving in numerous leadership positions, and a highly involved
17 layman within his denomination; in the 1950s, Mr. Herrin was one of a number of
18 individuals who joined together to purchase and then donate land to the Georgia Baptist
19 Convention for the Baptist Village; and
- 20 WHEREAS, among the many leadership positions Mr. Herrin held over the years, he was
21 chairman of the boards of Southern Bancorp and Southern Bank, United Federal Savings and
22 United Service Corporation, and a trustee for Baptist Village and Mercer University; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Herrin was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Marjorie
2 Oplinger Herrin; and

3 WHEREAS, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, P. Owen Herrin, Jr., and Rebecca
4 Woodard Herrin; his granddaughters, Jennifer Woods Herrin and Sarah Rebecca Herrin; and
5 a host of nieces and nephews; and

6 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Herrin has left an unfillable void in the hearts of his many
7 friends and loved ones, who will always remember this remarkable gentleman with the
8 greatest affection.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body join in remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Perry O. Herrin,
11 Sr., and extend their most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Perry O.
14 Herrin, Sr.