

House Resolution 2331

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Kidd of the 115th, Coleman of the 144th, Oliver of the 83rd, and Bordeaux of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Gene Mac Winburn; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on March 20, 2006, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
3 distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Gene Mac Winburn; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Winburn was a highly successful trial lawyer who practiced in Athens for
5 four decades; and
- 6 WHEREAS, at age 69, he was also revered by his colleagues as a leader in his profession
7 outside the courtroom as he was without a peer and a born leader; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he unselfishly gave of his time to numerous organizations, serving as president
9 of the State Bar of Georgia in 1990, president of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, and
10 on the Western Circuit Bar Association International Society of Barristers, an exclusive
11 honor society of trial lawyers; and
- 12 WHEREAS, when he was not in his beloved Athens, he loved experiencing and living other
13 cultures, with Provence and Paris in France as his favorite destinations, as well as Munich
14 and Sydney; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he played the piano, which he learned when he was growing up, and delighted
16 family and friends with show tunes; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he taught business law at the University of Georgia from 1961 to 1971 and
18 recently taught seminars for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy at several law schools,
19 including Emory and Hofstra Universities; and
- 20 WHEREAS, to many law students he was also a mentor passing on his love for the law to
21 others; and

1 WHEREAS, an avid preservationist, his law firm Winburn, Lewis & Stolz was based in a
2 house constructed in the 1830s; and

3 WHEREAS, the passing of this great Georgian leaves an unfillable void in the hearts and
4 lives of his family, friends, and colleagues, who will miss his amazing energy, his great
5 sense of civic responsibility, his enthusiasm about the legal profession, his charisma in the
6 courtroom, and most of all his love and support.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body join together to honor and remember the life of Mr. Gene Mac
9 Winburn, express their deepest regret at his passing, and extend their most sincere
10 condolences to his family and friends.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Gene Mac
13 Winburn.