

House Resolution 2344

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Thomas Clayton Gattis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Thomas Clayton Gattis; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated man who strived for excellence in all his
5 endeavors as evidenced by his election as the Mayor of Waycross and as a member of the
6 Waycross City Commission; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United
8 States Army Air Corps in World War II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, an active member of the Central Baptist Church for more than 50 years, he
10 devoted substantial time to his community with his service in the Waycross Lions Club; and
- 11 WHEREAS, this beloved and humble man exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
12 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties
13 throughout his life; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a classic gentleman and a person of magnanimous strengths with an
15 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the expression "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade" was truly
17 appropriate for this lemon tree aficionado, priding himself on lemon trees producing more
18 than 100 lemons; and
- 19 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
20 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens

1 of his community and state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
2 associates; and

3 WHEREAS, the passing of this generous, kind, and devoted family man leaves an unfillable
4 void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
7 Thomas Clayton Gattis.

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 the family of Thomas
10 Clayton Gattis.