

House Resolution 38

By: Representative Crawford of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Ray Beck; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on January 9, 2007, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
- 3 distinguished citizens with the passing of Ray Beck; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck was born on March 17, 1931, in Bowdon, Georgia, and grew up in
- 5 Cedartown, where he began his remarkable football career as a star at Cedartown High; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he went on to play for four years as a guard for legendary coach Bobby Dodd
- 7 at Georgia Tech and was named an All-American in 1951; and
- 8 WHEREAS, during his senior year, he demonstrated an uncommon talent for leadership and
- 9 was instrumental in transforming Georgia Tech from a 5-6 team to an 11-0-1 team in a
- 10 season that included a 17-14 victory over Baylor in the Orange Bowl; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after finishing his career at Georgia Tech, he was drafted by the New York
- 12 Giants in 1952 and was a member of the Giants' 1956 World Championship team that
- 13 defeated the Chicago Bears by 49 points; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he is an inductee of the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall
- 15 of Fame in which he also served as a director and was inducted into the College Football Hall
- 16 of Fame in 1997; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he returned to his beloved home in Cedartown as an active community leader,
- 18 participating in organizations such as the Cedartown Chamber of Commerce, the Cedartown
- 19 Development Authority, Polk General Hospital, the Advisory Board of Polk Medical Center,
- 20 the First National Bank of Cedartown, and the Georgia Motor Trucking Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck honorably served his country as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army; and
2 WHEREAS, an inspirational community leader, an outstanding athlete, and a devoted family
3 man who in life commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his death we mingle our
4 sympathies with the grief 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 Ray
7 Beck.

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 Ray Beck.