

House Resolution 71

By: Representative Royal of the 171st

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Charles Mitchell "C.M." Stripling, Jr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with
4 the passing of Charles Mitchell "C.M." Stripling, Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated man who strived for excellence in all his
6 endeavors as evidenced dramatically by his many years of superlative service as an
7 outstanding agriculturalist, conservationist, and philanthropist who served his community
8 in leadership roles for the Georgia Peanut Commission, the Flint River Soil and Water
9 Conservation District, and the Mitchell County Cattlemen's Association as well as serving
10 as president of the Mitchell County Farm Bureau for ten terms; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a devoted spokesperson for the cause of the farmer, utilizing his
12 knowledge and familiarity with the field to facilitate state and national legislation for the
13 growth and development of agriculture; and

14 WHEREAS, his unwavering efforts were instrumental in helping to secure the enactment of
15 conservation use assessment in Georgia which has guaranteed that family farms throughout
16 this state will continue to help Georgia maintain its leadership role in agriculture in the
17 United States; and

18 WHEREAS, he excelled in the art of tree farming, earning recognition as State Tree Farmer
19 of the Year, Southern Region Tree Farmer of the Year, and National Tree Farmer of the
20 Year; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a generous philanthropist who unhesitatingly donated funds and land
22 towards such projects as the C.M. Stripling Irrigation Research Park, the Courthouse Square
23 Park, "Stripling's GreenSpace," the Bernice Campbell Stripling Nature Trail, and the Georgia

1 Sheriff Boys Ranch as well as providing the necessary money for scholarships at the
2 University of Georgia and elsewhere; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a devoted family man and a dedicated member of his community,
4 involved in numerous civic organizations such as the Camilla Rotary Club, the Camilla Lions
5 Club, and the Boys & Girls Clubs; and

6 WHEREAS, he carried a deep appreciation for nature and advocated sensible conservation
7 and stewardship of the environment; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a classic gentleman and a person of magnanimous strengths with an
9 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

10 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
11 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
12 of his community and state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
13 associates; and

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
18 Charles Mitchell "C.M." Stripling, Jr.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Charles
21 Mitchell "C.M." Stripling, Jr.