

## House Resolution 111

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the memory of Mr. J. Wendell Lancaster and expressing regret at his passing; and  
2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of J. Wendell Lancaster, late of Gainesville, Georgia, is  
4 received with deep regret by this body; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lancaster honorably served his country in the U.S. Army during World  
6 War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong resident of Gainesville, where he was the founder of J.  
8 Wendell Lancaster Jewelry and Music Company in downtown Gainesville; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was involved in a number of retail businesses and real estate developments  
10 in Gainesville; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as president of the Gainesville Downtown Merchants Association, he was  
12 instrumental in securing funding for the construction of the Georgia Mountains Center; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Free Chapel Worship Center and served for many years  
14 as deacon, Sunday school superintendent, and choir director; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Lancaster leaves behind a loving and devoted family, including his wife,  
16 Katie Franklin Lancaster; a son and daughter, five stepchildren, and many grandchildren; and
- 17 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his death we  
18 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body honor the memory of Mr. J. Wendell Lancaster and express their  
3 regret at his passing.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. J. Wendell  
6 Lancaster.