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House Resolution 567

By: Representatives Sims of the 169th, Porter of the 143rd, Hatfield of the 177th, Williams of the 178th, Smith of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Dewey N. Hayes, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing
- 3 of attorney Dewey N. Hayes, Sr., on March 4, 2007; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born on July 27, 1923, to John Cleveland and Mary Walsh Hayes in
- 5 Coffee County, where he was a long-time servant of the community of Douglas; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served his country nobly in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946,
- 7 during World War II; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a celebrated graduate of South Georgia College, the Walter F. George
- 9 School of Law at Mercer University, and the University of Chicago; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Georgia with diligence, grace, and wisdom as a district
- attorney from 1957 to 1981, and he is credited with shutting down nearly every illegal
- business in the Bacon County area during the first three years of his tenure; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he unhesitatingly aided his community in every way he could, serving as
- 14 president of the Douglas Bar Association for approximately ten years, president of the
- 15 District Attorneys Association of Georgia, and a 50 year member of the Georgia Bar
- 16 Association; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his selfless dedication to his community was surpassed only by his unshakable
- 18 devotion to his family, and he is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Haley Hayes;
- 19 daughter, Candy Hayes Powell; sons, Dewey Hayes, Jr. and Franklin Hayes; brother, George
- 20 P. Hayes; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of relatives, colleagues, and
- 21 friends; and

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1 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death we

- 2 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.
- 3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 4 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of
- 5 Dewey N. Hayes, Sr. and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dewey N.
- 8 Hayes, Sr.