

House Resolution 1589

By: Representative Burns of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of Mr. Benjamin Franklin "Mr. Frank" Arnsdorff, Sr.;

2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on December 10, 2007, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most

4 distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Benjamin Franklin "Mr. Frank" Arnsdorff, Sr.;

5 and

6 WHEREAS, he was born on July 3, 1912, to the late Johnnie and Lillie Edwards Arnsdorff;

7 and

8 WHEREAS, he is survived by his devoted wife of 71 years, Gladys Seckinger Arnsdorff; his

9 sons and their spouses, Mr. H. O'Neil and Mrs. Sandy Arnsdorff, Mr. Wayne and Mrs. Sylvia

10 Arnsdorff, and Mr. B. F. Arnsdorff; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as an active member of Clyo Masonic Lodge # 280 F & AM for 72

12 years, and he was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church, and a former member of Turkey

13 Branch United Methodist Church; and

14 WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Effingham County as a member of the Board of

15 Commissioners from January 4, 1949 until December 31, 1955; and

16 WHEREAS, he also faithfully served the citizens of Effingham, Bulloch, Jenkins, and

17 Screven Counties as a Democratic Representative for the General Assembly from January,

18 1959 until December, 1966; and

19 WHEREAS, he served as the first chairman of the Effingham County Hospital Authority,

20 serving from 1968 until 1972; and

1 WHEREAS, he was known as a self-made man and throughout his life he worked as a
2 farmer, owning a produce hauling truck and numerous sawmills without ever having a job
3 that actually paid a salary; and

4 WHEREAS, he touched the hearts and lives of everyone he met with his humor and endless
5 stories; and

6 WHEREAS, he was esteemed as a forthright businessman and a gentleman of impeccable
7 character, who had a deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Effingham
8 County, the State of Georgia, and the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the respect of his fellow Georgians and at his death it is
10 fitting and proper that we offer our sympathies to his family and friends.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mr.
13 Benjamin Franklin "Mr. Frank" Arnsdorff, Sr., and extend their most sincere condolences
14 to his family and friends.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Benjamin
17 Franklin "Mr. Frank" Arnsdorff, Sr.