

House Resolution 1678

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Teilhet of the 40th, Tumlin of the 38th, Johnson of the 37th, and Jenkins of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Travis Duke; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Travis Duke was a distinguished citizen of Cobb County, graduating from
3 West Fulton High School in 1951, and serving his country with honor and distinction in the
4 United States Army upon completion of high school; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Mercer University in 1960, and he and his wife Betty were
6 married for 52 years, having two children, Jennifer Sibley and Derek Duke, and three
7 grandchildren; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Duke was vice chairman of the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall
9 Authority and had served on the authority since 1991; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the development and construction of the Cobb Galleria
11 Center, expansion of its exhibit hall and parking facilities, acquisition of the Galleria
12 Specialty Mall, and development of the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was passionate about Cobb County and spent his life making it a better place
14 to live; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Duke was president of Benefits Design Group, an insurance company, and
16 he was active in the Fortified Hills Baptist Church; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he also had a great passion for children, founding the Open Gate Children's
18 Shelter and serving as chairman of the Department of Family and Children Services; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was involved at South Cobb High School, serving as chairman of
20 construction for the school's football stadium and chairman of fundraising in 1983; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Duke served in the early 1970's as a member of the Georgia House of
2 Representatives and was one of Cobb County's first Republican legislators; and

3 WHEREAS, all who were privileged to know this distinguished Georgian join his family in
4 mourning his loss.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 this body hereby honors the life and memory of Mr. Travis Duke and expresses its
7 appreciation of his many contributions to his community, state, and country.

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 Mrs. Travis Duke.