

House Resolution 1724

By: Representatives O`Neal of the 146th and Talton of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Foy Evans; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Foy Evans; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was the editor and publisher of *The Daily Sun* in Warner Robins, Georgia,
5 and his newspaper, which he started in 1949, was still routinely winning Georgia Press
6 Association awards for journalism in 1973 and was widely considered one of the top two or
7 three papers of its size in this state; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans got his start in Macon in the sports department of *The Telegraph*,
9 then known as *The News*, before moving to Florida to pursue a law degree; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after the war, he moved to middle Georgia, where he saw opportunity for a
11 young entrepreneur like himself; and
- 12 WHEREAS, for a good while, he was the weekly *Sun's* only full-time employee, gathering
13 and writing the news, selling the ads and subscriptions, and delivering the papers himself;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, by 1973, *The Sun* had become *The Daily Sun*, put together by a bustling mix
16 of ink-stained veterans and wet-behind-the-ears reporters fresh out of school; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a couple of years later, he sold the newspaper, but what the employees learned
18 about journalism carried them much further than they expected when seeking new careers;
19 one reporter went on to a career of overseas assignments as a foreign correspondent, wire
20 service reporting, and finally to become a thriving newspaper publisher in California; another
21 is currently an editor at the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; and one traveled to Chicago and

1 Washington before coming back and settling down in the very same building that once
2 housed *The Daily Sun*; and

3 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
4 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
5 state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

6 WHEREAS, this distinguished man gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals,
7 and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possessed the vast wisdom which only
8 comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through
9 overcoming the many challenges of life; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
11 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example he made of his life, he
12 made this world a better place in which to live.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Foy
15 Evans.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Foy Evans.