

## House Resolution 1757

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of William R. "Bill" Mercier; 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 William R. "Bill" Mercier of Fannin County; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
5 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
6 dramatically by his lifetime commitment to agriculture, conservation, and apple production  
7 and marketing; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his tireless work and strong resolve made him the pioneer of the apple  
9 production business in Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
11 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
12 state, and especially Fannin County, earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues  
13 and associates; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this distinguished man gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals,  
15 and deep concern for his fellow citizens and he possessed the vast wisdom which only comes  
16 through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the  
17 many challenges of life; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
20 made this world a better place in which to live.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of  
3 William R. "Bill" Mercier.

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 William R.  
6 "Bill" Mercier.