

House Resolution 2022

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of and expressing regret at the passing of Joseph Luther Bunting; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 30, 2008, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
4 distinguished citizens with the passing of Joseph Luther Bunting; and

5 WHEREAS, this long-time resident of Suwanee, formerly Waycross, Georgia, was long
6 recognized by the citizens of his community for the vital role he played in leadership and for
7 his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the United States;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
10 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced dramatically by his
11 many years of superlative work with the juvenile justice system, as editor of the *Abbeville*
12 *Chronicle* and the *Hawkinsville Dispatch & News*, and the *Ware County Times*, a monthly
13 magazine that he started; and

14 WHEREAS, among his many honors, the ones he was most proud of were the Georgia
15 Juvenile Services Association's "Harold K. Ables Award" for significant contributions in the
16 field of juvenile services and the Georgia Juvenile Detention Association's "Grady L. Dickey
17 Award" for significant contributions and unselfish dedication to the field of juvenile
18 detention services; and

19 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United
20 States Navy during the Second World War; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a lover of big band music and played the piano in many combos and
22 several big bands such as the Eager Beavers of Waycross, Georgia, the Emory University

1 dance orchestra, the University of Georgia's Bulldogs Dance Band, and the Waycross area's
2 Men of Note; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his wife, Virginia Bunting, and a devoted father to
4 his daughter, Barbara "Babs" Bunting Hillick; and

5 WHEREAS, this singular gentleman was a person of magnanimous strengths with an
6 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
9 Joseph Luther Bunting, and commend him for a lifetime of efficient, effective, unselfish, and
10 dedicated public service.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Joseph Luther
13 Bunting.