

House Resolution 1755

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Collins of the 27th, Mills of the 25th, and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roy H. Turner, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Roy H. Turner, Sr., on January 24, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was raised in Lula, Georgia, attended North Georgia College, and
5 graduated from the University of Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with 82nd Airborne
7 division of the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy and
8 his fellow Americans during World War II with campaigns in North Africa, Italy, France,
9 Germany, and England; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during his service in the military, Mr. Turner was stationed in Ireland for a year,
11 was a member of the D-Day invasion force, was a Purple Heart recipient, served in the
12 Korean War, and was promoted to captain, serving in the reserves until he retired; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he started the Roy Turner Insurance Company which evolved into the Turner,
14 Wood and Smith Insurance Center and was active in the Kiwanis Club, on the Gainesville
15 City Board of Education, and on the Hall County Hospital Authority; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was united in love and marriage for 60 wonderful years to the late
17 Caroline Flanders Turner and was blessed with his wonderful children, Lynn and Bob
18 Johnson, Kim Turner and Kathy Varadi, Hank and Gina Turner, Joe and Dottie Turner, and
19 Roy H. Turner, Jr.; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of Mary Lynn Johnson, Taylor and Jason English,
21 Paul Turner, Thomas Turner, Trey Turner, Tyler Turner, Alden Turner, Brooks Turner, and
22 Sally Turner and a loving great-grandfather to Max Smith; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner will be sorely missed by Mr. Phil Davis, who was a close friend of
24 the Turner children and became as close as family, and his wife, Kim, and their boys, P.J.
25 and Caston; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Turner raised his family in Gainesville
27 First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for many years, joined the congregation
28 of Gainesville First United Methodist Church after his children were grown, and later
29 returned to Gainesville First Baptist Church; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Turner will long be remembered for
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather, and friend will be missed
32 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roy H. Turner, Sr.,
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Roy H.
38 Turner, Sr.