

## House Resolution 1815

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

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. John Burl Hulsey, 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. John Burl Hulsey, Sr., on July 16, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hulsey was a beloved son of the late Claud Hulsey and Yula Blalock  
5 Hulsey, and was a descendant of one of the first pioneer settlers of Hall County, Georgia, his  
6 great-grandfather, Andrew Jackson Thompson, who built the area's first covered bridge  
7 known as Thompson Bridge; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gainesville High School, Mr. Hulsey also graduated from North  
9 Georgia College and attended the University of Georgia, where he was a member of Kappa  
10 Sigma Fraternity; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was one of 14 to enter the Civilian Pilot Training Program and volunteered  
12 for the United States Naval Flight Program, serving as an instructor in Pensacola, Florida,  
13 and New Orleans, Louisiana; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hulsey was one of 44 pilots selected for the top secret program developing  
15 the first guided missile and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
16 United States Navy and Naval Reserve; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a life member of the American Legion and Elks Club, a member of the  
18 Korean War Veterans and Sons of the American Revolution, and a former Troop 26 Boy  
19 Scouts Leader; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hulsey was a faithful member of First  
21 Baptist Church for 62 years, where he served as a life deacon, a member of the Anglers

22 Sunday school class, a past Sunday school teacher, and chairman of the property committee;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Hulsey was united in love and marriage for 61 wonderful years to Mary  
25 Louise Durette Hulsey, and was blessed with his children, John, Jr., Cinda Hulsey, David  
26 Hulsey, Beth and Dr. Gerald Carlson, and Wesley Hulsey; son-in-law Segundo Fernandez;  
27 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and

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

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

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

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. John Burl  
39 Hulsey, Sr.