

House Resolution 157

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Porter of the 143rd, and Buckner of the 130th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Cornelius Matthews; 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. James Cornelius Matthews on January 3, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews was a native of Buchanan, Georgia, but had resided in Albany,
5 Georgia, since 1960; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this distinguished and generous man graduated in 1957 from the University of
7 Georgia, where he was a proud member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, later going on to become
8 a University of Georgia President's Club member; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews selflessly served his country in the United States Army,
10 demonstrating discipline and bravery in the Korean War, earning gratitude and respect from
11 the nation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, known for his work ethic and drive, Mr. Matthews was the owner of Insurance
13 Management Services, Educational Benefits Plan, Inc., and Benefits South, Inc., held
14 prestigious professional positions such as past president of the Life Underwriters of Georgia
15 and past president of Life Leaders of Georgia, and was a lifetime member of the Million
16 Dollar Round Table; and
- 17 WHEREAS, active in both his community and church, Mr. Matthews was a past president
18 of the Albany Sertoma Club, a former chairman of the Southwest Georgia Airport Authority,
19 and a member of the Doublegate Country Club, the Gridiron Secret Society, the Porterfield
20 Memorial United Methodist Church, and the Alpha Sunday School Class; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews was united in love and marriage for 54 years to Dee Matthews,
22 and they were blessed with two loving and devoted children, Mike Matthews and Vickie
23 Couch; and

24 WHEREAS, family, neighbors, and friends will cherish their memories of Mr. Matthews's
25 life and the wonderful times shared, and all who were privileged to know this distinguished
26 Georgian join his family in mourning his loss.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body hereby join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. James
29 Cornelius Matthews and express their appreciation of his many contributions to his
30 community, the State of Georgia, and the country.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Matthews's family.