

## House Resolution 290

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Colonel Wilson Freeman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the United States recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens  
6 in the passing of Colonel Wilson Freeman on February 4, 2009; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Colonel Freeman has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the  
8 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
9 of the citizens of the United States; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a native of Jacksonville, Florida, Colonel Freeman earned bachelors' degrees  
11 in science and law from the University of Florida before beginning 31 years of dedicated  
12 service to this nation in the United States Army; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Colonel Freeman demonstrated great strength, leadership, and courage during  
14 World War II with his service in the Field Artillery and later with the Judge Advocate  
15 General Corps in Korea and the United States; and
- 16 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the military, Colonel Freeman served as Contracts  
17 Officer for Georgia State University for 15 years and was an active member of the Ansley  
18 Kiwanis Club and the Board of the Warren Memorial Boys Club; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Colonel Freeman was united in love and marriage for 66 years to his gracious  
20 and beautiful wife, Petie; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel Freeman embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
22 something greater than himself and serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom, and it is  
23 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and  
24 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of  
27 Colonel Wilson Freeman and commend his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
28 public service to the citizens of his state and country.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Colonel  
31 Wilson Freeman.