

## House Resolution 593

By: Representative Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Matthew Joseph Flynn; 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. Matthew Joseph Flynn on February 13, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn was born on March 21, 1932, in New Orleans, Louisiana, a beloved  
5 son of the late Matthew Joseph and Cecelia Theresa Watermeier Flynn; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Baldwin High School in New York, Mr. Flynn attended the  
7 University of Maryland where he was an accomplished wrestler, winning the Southeastern  
8 Conference Championship in 1952; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as an active  
10 member of the United States Air Force for four years and 16 years in the reserves,  
11 demonstrating great strength, leadership, and courage flying supply and recovery missions  
12 in the Vietnam War; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a respected aviator who loved to fly, Mr. Flynn was a pilot for Eastern Airlines  
14 for 22 years before retiring in 1987; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Flynn was known for his story telling skills  
16 and was passionate about family, friends, flying, and country; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn's great pride and joy were his three sons, Kevin, Michael, and  
18 Christopher, and their families, which include three delightful grandchildren; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the passing of this American hero leaves an unfillable void in the hearts and  
20 lives of his family and friends; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something  
22 greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the remarkable life of this  
23 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Mr.  
26 Matthew Joseph Flynn.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Matthew  
29 Joseph Flynn.