

## House Resolution 735

By: Representative Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. W.J. "Bill" Chant; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one its finest and most distinguished citizens, Mr. W.J.  
3 "Bill" Chant, on March 15, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mr. Chant was well known throughout his  
5 community and this state for his civic service and activism in Savannah, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Chant served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the  
7 United States Navy aboard the *U.S.S. Jack W. Wilkie*, "One Stack Jack," and was retired from  
8 his position with Continental Field Machining South; and
- 9 WHEREAS, dedicated to the community and people of Port Wentworth, Mr. Chant served  
10 as mayor, a little league baseball and football coach, a Scout Master for Troop 100, and was  
11 employed with the Port Wentworth Police Department; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Chant also served with the Motorcycle Division of the Savannah Police  
13 Department and was a member of the Harley Owners Group; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Chant was a 54 year member of Our Lady  
15 of Lourdes Catholic Church and was the recipient of the Gartland Service Award for the  
16 Diocese of Savannah in 2002; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Chant was united in love and marriage to his wonderful wife, Mary Alice,  
18 and he was blessed with three remarkable sons, Tom, Johnny, and Timmy, and two beautiful  
19 granddaughters, Aubrey and Madeline; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Chant will long be remembered for his  
21 love of motorcycles, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and  
22 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. W.J. "Bill" Chant and  
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. W.J. "Bill"  
28 Chant.