

## House Resolution 962

By: Representatives Reece of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Crawford of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Master Sergeant Joe Ed Scruggs; 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 Master Sergeant Joe Ed Scruggs on March 11, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Joe Scruggs was born in Knoxville, Georgia, on January 16, 1920, a beloved  
5 son of the late George P. and Effie Culverhouse Scruggs; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Air Force, serving in World War II and the Korean War and honorably retiring  
8 following 21 years of heroic military service; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Scruggs humbly served his community as a school bus driver  
10 for 17 years as an employee of the Floyd County Board of Education; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his dedication to his community was further evidenced by his active service  
12 with the American Legion Post #5, where he also served as an honor guard, the 40/8 V.F.W.  
13 Post #4911 of Rome, Georgia, and the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Joe Ed Scruggs was united in love and marriage to his adoring  
15 wife, the late Lucille Ingram, to whom he was married on July 26, 1958; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of Vann's Valley United Methodist Church; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a person of great strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
18 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example he made of his life, he  
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Master Sergeant Scruggs will long be  
21 remembered for his love of family, community, and country, and this loyal husband,  
22 neighbor, and 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 Master Sergeant Joe Ed  
25 Scruggs and 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 Master  
28 Sergeant Joe Ed Scruggs.