

House Resolution 1004

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Dorsey Rouse, Sr.; 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. William Dorsey Rouse, Sr., on March 31, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rouse was born in Ambrose, Georgia, a beloved son of the late Ed Rouse  
5 and Minnie Ward Rouse Minyard; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army during World War II and was recognized with a Purple Heart; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Rouse was the owner and operator of Custombilt Products Company and  
9 was a long-time resident of Ware County; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rouse was united in love and marriage to his adoring wife, the late Norma  
11 Jane Townsend Rouse, and was blessed with the love of three children, Judith, Jane, and  
12 William, and six grandchildren; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
14 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
15 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Rouse will long be remembered for his  
17 love of country, family, and friendship, and this loyal father, neighbor, and friend will be  
18 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Dorsey  
21 Rouse, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. William  
24 Dorsey Rouse, Sr.