

House Resolution 1169

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th, Sims of the 119th, Howard of the 121st, Anderson of the 117th, and Smith of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Dr. Walter Gamewell "Curly" Watson and inviting him to appear
2 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Gamewell "Curly" Watson was born on February 25, 1910, in
4 Trenton, South Carolina, and has dedicated 65 years to the practice of medicine and
5 improving the lives of his fellow man; and

6 WHEREAS, as a young man, he milked cows, plowed fields, and studied agriculture under
7 South Carolina statesman Strom Thurmond; and

8 WHEREAS, at the age of 22 he became principal and football coach at Edgefield High
9 School, working as an educator for seven years and saving money to attend medical school;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Watson earned a bachelor's
12 degree from The Citadel and a medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and
13 completed his internship and residency with University Hospital-Augusta; and

14 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
15 States Army as a physician from 1945 to 1947; and

16 WHEREAS, after his years of selfless sacrifice defending democracy, Dr. Watson returned
17 to Augusta, where he joined the medical practice of J.W. Thurmond, M.D.; and

18 WHEREAS, still seeing patients as he turns 100 years old, Dr. Watson has practiced at
19 University Hospital for over 60 years and delivered over 15,000 babies; and

20 WHEREAS, in honor of his tireless and dedicated commitment to the practice of medicine
21 and the City of Augusta, University Hospital-Augusta dedicated its women's center as the
22 W.G. Watson, M.D. Women's Center in 1999; and

23 WHEREAS, currently the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at University Hospital, Dr.
24 Watson stands as the oldest living graduate of The Citadel and the oldest known working
25 physician in the United States; and

26 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his adoring wife, Audrey, and he has been
27 blessed with four daughters and one son; and

28 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the field of medicine and his community,
29 it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and
30 accomplishments of this outstanding individual on this very special occasion in his life.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Dr. Walter Gamewell "Curly" Watson for his years of
33 dedicated service, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his 100th birthday, and
34 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Walter Gamewell "Curly" Watson is hereby invited
36 to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker
37 of the House for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate
38 copy of this resolution.