

House Resolution 1188

By: Representatives Smith of the 129th, Buckner of the 130th, Hugley of the 133rd, Heard of the 114th, and Smyre of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Joseph Gregory Taylor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
- 3 with the untimely passing of Mr. Joseph Gregory Taylor on January 10, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was born on July 10, 1954, a beloved son of the late Nell Gillespie
- 5 and Vestal C. Taylor, Jr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a State Farm Insurance agent and devoted his free time to improving the
- 7 lives of his neighbors of Columbus and Harris County, Georgia, as a coach for girls softball
- 8 teams, a member of the Jaycees and Kiwanis, a church youth leader, and a volunteer for
- 9 Open Door and Valley Rescue; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor served as Deputy Chief of the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department
- 11 in Harris County and was instrumental in securing funding for the modernization of trucks
- 12 and equipment for the Mountain Hill Volunteer Fire Department, where he dedicated many
- 13 years of his time; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was united in love and marriage to his adoring wife, Keely, and was
- 15 blessed with the love of three daughters, Jennifer, Angela, and Stephanie; a step-son, James;
- 16 a son-in-law, Jimmy; and two grandchildren, Kali and Taylor; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
- 18 for 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, Mr. Taylor was known for his wonderful stories, his sense of humor, his
- 21 generous heart, and his desire to uplift others through his actions and words; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and intelligent man, Mr. Taylor will long be remembered for
23 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, grandfather, and
24 neighbor will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Joseph Gregory Taylor
27 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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