

House Resolution 1222

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th, Lunsford of the 110th, and Collins of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Otis Spillers; 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. Otis Spillers on April 14, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Spillers was born on February 12, 1919, in Roberta, Georgia, and was the
5 beloved son of J.D. Spillers and Verna Hartley Spillers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Spillers lived and worked on a farm until he completed high school, and
7 he later graduated from Georgia Alabama Business College and Draughins Business School;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States
10 Navy, valiantly and bravely defending democracy during World War II; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Spillers started the Spillers Lumber Company in Covington, Georgia, in
12 1947, and throughout his career he was involved in lumber manufacturing, real estate,
13 construction, home building supplies, insurance, marine supplies, mini and industrial storage,
14 and rental property; and
- 15 WHEREAS, an active leader in his community, Mr. Spillers served in the Georgia House of
16 Representatives, the Covington City Council, and was chairman of the Newton County Water
17 and Sewerage Authority during its formative years; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Spillers was a member of the Covington Rotary Club for 63 years, where
19 he was a past president and chaired numerous committees, including the Empty Stocking
20 Fund; and

21 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental during his time as chairman of
22 the Covington Planning Commission, president of the Covington-Newton County Chamber
23 of Commerce, commander of the local American Legion, Exalted Ruler of Covington Elks
24 Lodge #1806, and member of the Board of Counselors for Oxford College; and

25 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to the late Mary Delbridge Spillers, and he
26 was blessed with two remarkable children, Amelia and A.J., and many grandchildren and
27 great-grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, a hard working, happy, and generous man, Mr. Spillers will long be
29 remembered for his love of family and golf, and this loyal father, grandfather, and friend will
30 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Otis Spillers and
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Otis
36 Spillers.