

## House Resolution 1316

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Luke Allgood; 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. Luke Allgood; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Allgood lived a life of service and was best known for sharing everything  
5 with others from his own time, to his opinion, or to fruits and vegetables from his garden;  
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States  
8 Army, valiantly and bravely defending democracy during World War II with the Army's 96th  
9 Infantry Division; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during his years in the military, Mr. Allgood and his division were stationed on  
11 the Island of Saipan, the Philippine Island of Leyte, and the Japanese Island of Okinawa,  
12 where his unit earned the Presidential Unit Citation for Extraordinary Heroism, and he was  
13 promoted from Private, First Class to Master Sergeant; and
- 14 WHEREAS, after returning home after World War II, Mr. Allgood began his thirty-year  
15 career with the Southern Bell, managing 97 employees in an eight-county area and  
16 supervising the final manual service telephone exchange in Georgia in 1967; and
- 17 WHEREAS, committed to a life of service, Mr. Allgood served as the Mayor for the City of  
18 Madison for 18 years, overseeing the integration of city government, the establishment of the  
19 Historic District, and a crusade to eliminate sub-standard housing in the city; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Allgood was a charter member of the Lions Club in Oxford, Georgia,  
21 served as Boy Scout Master of Conyers' Troop 209; and was a member of the Madison  
22 Kiwanis Club; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Allgood was an active member of Madison  
24 First United Methodist Church, serving on the board of trustees and building committee; and

25 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage for 61 wonderful years to his wife, Ruth,  
26 and he was an avid hunter, gardener, and baker; and

27 WHEREAS, an honest and generous man, Mr. Allgood will long be remembered for his love  
28 of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and neighbor will be  
29 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

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

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