

## House Resolution 1382

By: Representatives Davis of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Mayo of the 91<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Jack Elkins; 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. Jack Elkins on February 1, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Locust Grove, Georgia, Mr. Elkins was raised on a farm where he  
5 was instilled with the value and respect of local agriculture and small family farms; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he worked as a civilian employee for the United States Army for 34 years,  
7 retiring as network manager of a video teleconferencing network for Army Forces Command  
8 Headquarters that had 16 sites over the continental United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins diligently and conscientiously dedicated his time, talents, and energy  
10 to the Henry County Farm Bureau, serving as a member of the board of directors for 20 years  
11 and as president since 1997; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was the consummate advocate for the agricultural industry and local farms,  
13 contributing to the crafting of state legislation and ensuring that farmers' concerns were heard  
14 and rights protected; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins owned and operated a family hay farm in Hampton, Georgia, and  
16 worked tirelessly to educate others about the importance of the agriculture industry to the  
17 economic vitality of this state; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his adoring wife, Dianne, and was blessed  
19 with the love of his five children, Lea, Lynn, Shannon, Michael, and James, ten  
20 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Elkins will long be remembered for  
25 his love of farming, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother,  
26 grandfather, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Jack Elkins and  
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Jack  
32 Elkins.