

## House Resolution 69

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Homer Hefner; 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. James Homer Hefner on May 18, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hefner was born on October 18, 1932, in Gilmer County, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of the late J. Homer Hefner and Essie Reece Hefner; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gilmer High School and member of the school's first organized  
7 football team, Mr. Hefner earned a bachelor's degree from North Georgia College, a master's  
8 degree from Western Carolina University, a certificate in guidance and counseling from the  
9 University of Georgia, and a specialist's degree from Georgia State University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as an officer with  
11 the United States Army before he began a 38-year career in education; and
- 12 WHEREAS, during his remarkable career in education, Mr. Hefner served as a classroom  
13 teacher, an administrator, and eventually retired from the position of superintendent of  
14 schools for Gilmer County; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Hefner was active with the Ellijay Lions Club and the  
16 Rotary Club and was recognized as Citizen of the Year in 1999 and as one of the Ellijay  
17 *Times-Courier's* 100 People of the Century; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hefner was united in love and marriage for 57 wonderful years to Esther  
19 Ralston Hefner, and was blessed with the support of his children, Dr. Rhonda Hefner-Packer  
20 and Ken Packer and Sam and Emily Burrell; and

21 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of six amazing grandchildren, Amy, Lynn, Jim,  
22 Millicent, Maggie, and Rob, and four delightful great-grandchildren, Alexis, Colton, James  
23 Joseph, and Joshua Patrick; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Hefner will long be remembered for  
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will  
32 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Homer Hefner  
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. James  
38 Homer Hefner.