

House Resolution 100

By: Representative Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert C. Dunning, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and this nation mourns the loss of one of its most  
3 distinguished citizens and patriots with the passing of Mr. Robert C. Dunning, Sr., on  
4 January 14, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunning was born on September 3, 1921, in Allegan County, Michigan,  
6 and he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army,  
7 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunning served with the 3rd Corp Command HQ Company in Fort  
9 McPherson before he was transferred to parachute school and became a wing jumper for the  
10 101st Airborne; and

11 WHEREAS, he joined HQ Company, 3rd Battalion, 506th as an 81 mm mortarman in  
12 Ramsburg, England, made the Normandy jump in the Carentan Peninsula and the Holland  
13 jump in Veckel, Holland, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge; and

14 WHEREAS, for his courage and selfless dedication to this nation, Mr. Dunning received a  
15 Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Purple Heart, an EAME ribbon with one Silver  
16 Star, a Combat Infantry Badge, an Army Occupational Medal with German Clasp, a French  
17 Croix de Guerre, a Belgium Fourragere, a Netherlands Orange Lanyard, a Presidential Unit  
18 Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Good Conduct Medal, an American Theatre Ribbon with  
19 WWII victory, and an Outstanding Mortarman Award; and

20 WHEREAS, this American hero returned home to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from  
21 the University of Georgia and had a 31 year career in the education field in Atlanta; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunning was united in love and marriage for 65 wonderful years to Myra  
23 Boykin Dunning and was blessed with the support of his children, Robbie and Susan  
24 Sheppard Dunning; and

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

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunning embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
29 something greater than himself and serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom, and it is  
30 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and  
31 distinguished American be recognized appropriately; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert C. Dunning,  
37 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Robert C.  
40 Dunning, Sr.