

House Resolution 285

By: Representatives Morris of the 155th, Meadows of the 5th, England of the 108th, Benton of the 31st, Bearden of the 68th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. David Willard Ralston; 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. David Willard Ralston on September 2, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralston was born on April 27, 1929, in Ellijay, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 George and Donzie Weaver Ralston; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gilmer High School, Mr. Ralston diligently and conscientiously
7 devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his
8 community and state as evidenced dramatically by his 28 years of superlative service as the
9 Clerk of Superior Court in Gilmer County; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Ralston was a 56-year member of
11 Macedonia Baptist Church; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralston was united in love and marriage for 57 wonderful years to his
13 adoring wife, Ernestine Pettit Ralston, and was blessed with the support of his remarkable
14 children, David and Jane Ralston, Wendell and Joy Ralston, George and Kim Ralston,
15 Dennis and Chrisse Ralston, and Steve Ralston; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of eight remarkable grandchildren, Elizabeth,
17 Sarah, Benjamin, Matt, Carly, Garrett, Will, and Noah Ralston, who will cherish their
18 memories of him; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

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

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. David
33 Willard Ralston.