

House Resolution 486

By: Representatives Burns of the 157th, Purcell of the 159th, and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Lawton M. Nease, Jr.; 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. Lawton M. Nease, Jr., on November 13, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease was born on July 16, 1919, in Effingham County, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of the late Lawton M. Nease, Sr., and Evelyn Seckinger Nease; and
- 6 WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Nease was exposed to a rural life and hard work but
7 learned early of the importance of helping to provide for others, joining his relatives to
8 distribute food and aid to his neighbors in need during the days before there was a
9 government welfare system; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease and his brother, Warren, delivered newspapers in the morning before
11 school and in the afternoons, using their earnings to help support the family and help their
12 parents with household expenses; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
14 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
15 II and the Occupation of Japan; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease was the owner and operator of L.M. Nease Service Station in Guyton
17 for over 56 years, where he always greeted customers with a friendly smile and provided
18 nothing but first-class service; and
- 19 WHEREAS, after his retirement from the service station, Mr. Nease continued to
20 demonstrate his compassion for others through his quiet community service efforts and the
21 building of his former business was converted into The Filling Station, a community food
22 bank by Guyton Christian Church; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Nease was an active member of Guyton
24 United Methodist Church, where he cofounded the Men's 5th Sunday Breakfast in 1956,
25 taught Sunday school, and served on numerous committees; and

26 WHEREAS, a Lifetime Service Rotary Award winner, Mr. Nease served on the town council
27 of Guyton for over 30 years, actively promoted the town, and was a member of the Guyton
28 Masonic Lodge, #428 F. & A.M., for over 70 years, the Scottish and York Rite, Alee
29 Temple, Coastal Daylight Lodge, and the Sojourners; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease was united in love and marriage to the late Jane Pool Nease and was
31 blessed with the joy of his remarkable children, Marsha Usher, Sue Nease and Bill Exley,
32 and Brenda and Lawton "Mac" Nease III; and

33 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of his grandchildren Jim and Becky Exley, Rhett
34 and Nichole Exley, Shannon Wilkins, and the late Lawton M. Nease IV; and his
35 great-grandchildren, Margaret, Lawton, Mary Bowden, Natalie, Ally, Emery, and Briggs;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and
38 he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Lawton M. Nease, Jr.,
41 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Lawton
44 M. Nease, Jr.