

House Resolution 536

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Willard of the 49th, Oliver of the 83rd, and Abrams of the 84th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles J. "Chuck" Driebe; 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. Charles J. "Chuck" Driebe on March 1, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Driebe was born on November 11, 1933, in the Pocono Mountains of
5 Pennsylvania and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean
7 War; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he graduated first in his class at the University of Georgia School of Law and
9 was deeply involved in law and politics at the state and national levels; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Driebe began his distinguished legal career as a clerk for the Georgia Court
11 of Appeals and went on to open his own law practice near the Clayton County Courthouse;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the legal community, Mr. Driebe served as the
14 first president of the Younger Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, was featured on
15 the cover of the 2007 *American Bar Association Journal*, and served as the editor-in-chief
16 of *Solo*, the magazine of the General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm division of the American
17 Bar Association; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a lifelong "Yellow Dog" Democrat, Mr. Driebe served as a delegate to several
19 Democratic conventions, was a strong supporter of Jimmy Carter during his campaigns for
20 Governor of Georgia and President, and was appointed to the Board of Aldermen of Atlanta
21 in 1972 by Mayor Sam Massell; and

22 WHEREAS, he was known for his quick wit, sharp legal mind, and dry humor blended with
23 a hefty dose of loving wisecracks; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Driebe leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his
25 wife, Gail Dubrof Driebe, and children, Charles James Driebe, Jr., Mitchell Ward Driebe,
26 Elizabeth Mobley Driebe, and Anne Driebe Vari; and

27 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of Thomas and Charles Driebe, Charlotte and
28 Griffin Vari, and Eleanor and Edward Sullivan; and

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Driebe will long be remembered for
33 his love of Georgia football, tennis, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father,
34 grandfather, and friend will be 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. Charles J. "Chuck"
37 Driebe 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. Charles
40 J. "Chuck" Driebe.