

House Resolution 575

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Kaiser of the 59th, and England of the 108th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Paul Allen Compton; 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. Paul Allen Compton on August 27, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton was born on October 17, 1916, in Madison County, Georgia, the
5 eldest of five siblings and a beloved son of the late Thomas Norman and Hassie Mae Wood
6 Compton; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he graduated as valedictorian from Comer High School and received a
8 scholarship to attend the University of Georgia, but chose to stay home and work on the
9 family farm to help during difficult economic times; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
11 United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during
12 World War II; and
- 13 WHEREAS, passionate about helping veterans and their families, Mr. Compton was an
14 active member of the VFW, AMVETS, Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 767, and the
15 Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge 790; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was the co-owner of Compton & Shiver Office Equipment for 21 years and
17 was well known for his sales and service of Electrolux products; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton was recognized with numerous honors and accolades during his
19 life, including being named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International and Volunteer of
20 the Year by the Georgia Elks for his work at the Georgia War Veterans Home in
21 Milledgeville; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Compton was an active member of Prince
23 Avenue Baptist Church for over 60 years where he served as a deacon; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton was united in love and marriage to his late wife, Katherine
25 Chatham Compton, for 62 wonderful years and was blessed with the love and support of his
26 children, Allen Norwood and Ashley Compton and Karen Compton and Tommy Benton; and

27 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather to his grandchildren, Babbett and Scott Keilar,
28 Chip and Jennifer Duncan, Jeff and Gina Farrell, Zach Evans, Tomas and Teri Benton, Jr.,
29 and Leigh Ann Benton Weaver; and his great-grandchildren, Gavin, Alex, Abby, Sam, and
30 Thomas Wayne; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to his family, Mr. Compton leaves behind many who will cherish
32 his memory, including his caregiver and best friend, Judy Hicks; and

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

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

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Paul Allen
41 Compton.