

House Resolution 581

By: Representative Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert Norman Hale, Sr.; 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. Robert Norman Hale, Sr., on February 8, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hale was born on September 8, 1945, in Athens, Georgia, a beloved son  
5 of Samuel Alva Hale and Constance Adele Munford Hale; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army and worked as a builder and contractor in the Athens area; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hale was an active member of First  
9 Baptist Church of Athens; and
- 10 WHEREAS, an avid genealogist, Mr. Hale served as president, registrar, and secretary  
11 treasurer of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution; was a member of the  
12 Color Guard for the Athens Chapter; served as Sons of the Confederate Veterans's  
13 commander, adjutant/treasurer, and head of memorial activities for Brigadier General T.R.R.  
14 Cobb Camp No. 97; and
- 15 WHEREAS, through his service with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Mr. Hale located  
16 and marked over 300 Confederate soldiers' graves with government markers; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hale was an active member of John DeVane Chapters, Sons of the  
18 Revolution, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Patriot Guard Riders, Wounded Warrior  
19 Project, and the National Rifle Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Hale was united in love and marriage to Elaine McGalliard Hale for 46  
21 wonderful years and was blessed with the love and support of his children, Robert Norman  
22 and Donna Hale, Jr., and Amy Hale and Steve West; and

23 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of five grandchildren, Brittany Hale Plassmann,  
24 Zachary Hale, Samson West, Kimberly Hale, and Emily West; and

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

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

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

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

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