

House Resolution 711

By: Representatives Burns of the 157th and Purcell of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Ross Lee Rountree; 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. Ross Lee Rountree; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rountree was born on October 18, 1916, a beloved son of Virgil Payne
5 Rountree and Isabel Durden Rountree; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans in the
8 Pacific Theater during World War II and receiving a Bronze Star for his service; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Rountree earned a bachelor's degree from Georgia Teachers College, taught
10 industrial arts in Soperton and Hazelhurst, and coached football and basketball; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was selected to serve as the first principal of Effingham County High School,
12 a position he held for 18 years, and was instrumental in starting the school's football and
13 band programs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Rountree was a member of the organizing committee for the Boy Scouts
15 of America in Effingham County, the Coastal Empire Council, American Legion Post 209,
16 and the Lions Club; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Rountree was an active member of Holy
18 Trinity Lutheran Church, where he taught Sunday school and served as a councilman and
19 vice-chairman; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Rountree was united in love and marriage to his college sweetheart, Lorene,
21 on June 5, 1942, and was blessed with three remarkable children, Meredith, Sophie, and
22 Carey, and ten wonderful grandchildren; and

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

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Ross Lee Rountree
34 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ross Lee
37 Rountree.