

House Resolution 941

By: Representatives Powell of the 29th, Hanner of the 148th, Greene of the 149th, Kidd of the 141st, Bearden of the 68th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Colonel Richard "Stock" C. Coleman; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Lieutenant Colonel Richard "Stock" C. Coleman on March 28, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman was born on August 12, 1947, in Eastman,
6 Georgia, a beloved son of Lewis Warren Coleman and Mary Ruth Shiver Coleman; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Marine Corps and had a prestigious career with the Georgia State Patrol; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Dodge County High School, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman earned
10 an associate's degree from Reinhardt University and graduated from the FBI Academy; and

11 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman served as chief of security for Governors Jimmy
12 Carter and George Busbee, worked in the White House under President Jimmy Carter, and
13 served with the Georgia State Patrol upon his return to Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he served as head of security for the 1996 Torch Relay for the Olympic Games,
15 as director of the Okefenokee Area Development Authority, and on the board of directors of
16 the Georgia Port Authority; and

17 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman served as president of Vedado Trading Company,
18 an agriculture and shipping company conducting business between the United States and
19 Cuba; and

20 WHEREAS, an avid athlete, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman enjoyed running, hunting, and
21 fishing and was an active member of the Waycross Fishing Club and the Okefenokee Golf
22 and Country Club; and

23 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman was united in love and marriage to Jennifer
24 Stinson Coleman and was blessed with the support of his children, Michele and Wayne Ham,
25 Ryan and Stephani Coleman, Ross Coleman, and Lucy Coleman; and

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

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman will long be
33 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, father,
34 brother, 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 Lieutenant Colonel
37 Richard "Stock" C. Coleman 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 Lieutenant
40 Colonel Richard "Stock" C. Coleman.