

House Resolution 1002

By: Representatives Burns of the 157th, Parrish of the 156th, Tankersley of the 158th, Dutton of the 166th, Ralston of the 7th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Eugene M. Bishop; 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 Dr. Eugene M. Bishop on March 23, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Bishop was born in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of the late George and
5 Gussie Bishop; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was educated in the Atlanta public schools and served as a guardian of this
7 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dr. Bishop was the retired owner and president of Health Services Centers, Inc.,
9 a multifacility corporation that was established in 1970 and owned long-term health care
10 facilities, acute care hospitals, and pharmacies; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was active in both state and national health care trade associations, serving
12 as president of the Georgia Health Care Association and regional vice president, first vice
13 president, and two term national president of the American Health Care Association; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a staunch and loyal supporter of Georgia Southern University, Dr. Bishop
15 served on the school's board of trustees, was a member of the school's Business Advisory
16 Council for the School of Business, and was a board member and executive committee
17 member of the university's Athletic Foundation; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the single largest contributor to the Georgia Southern Athletics Department, Dr.
19 Bishop was responsible for the funding of the Bishop Fieldhouse at Paulson Stadium and was
20 honored by the school with the Southern Conference Distinguished Service Award, a Friend
21 of the University Award, and the Honorary Doctor of Letters; and

22 WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Gray and Nikki Bishop and Traci and Jay Stillman
23 and drew great joy from his grandchildren, Griffyn and Gavin Bishop; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to his children and grandchildren, Dr. Bishop leaves behind many
25 who will cherish his memory, including his niece, Kathleen Guy; his nephew, Gary Bishop;
26 his great-nieces and great-nephews, Abigail Guy, Garrett Guy, and Levi Bishop; and special
27 friend and extended family, Nancy Addison, Drew and Shanna Addison, Trip Addison, and
28 Lindsay Addison; 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, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
33 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
34 made this world a better place in which to live; and

35 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Bishop will long be remembered for
36 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather, uncle, and friend will be
37 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Eugene M. Bishop and
40 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Eugene
43 M. Bishop.