

House Resolution 1004

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup> and Knight of the 126<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. L. Jack Clark; 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. L. Jack Clark on April 7, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark was born on February 5, 1947, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of  
5 the late Jack Harris Clark and Margaret Rogers Branch; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark graduated from Emory School of Respiratory Therapy and served as  
7 a resident respiratory therapist at Grady Memorial Hospital; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a pioneer in respiratory medicine, Dr. Clark began his distinguished career at  
9 The Medical Center of Macon before opening the first Respiratory Therapy Care Department  
10 at Spalding Regional Hospital; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark opened Mid-Georgia Respiratory in 1979, where he spent the  
12 remainder of his career practicing respiratory care for patients at home with lung disease; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served on the board of The American Lung Association of Georgia and as  
14 a trustee of Grandfather Home for Children in North Carolina and enjoyed spending time  
15 with family and friends at "The Nook" on Flint River in Upson County, Georgia, and "Along  
16 the Shore" at Emerald Isle, North Carolina; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark was united in love and marriage to his wife, Regina Street Clark, and  
18 was blessed with a remarkable daughter and son-in-law, Gwyn Nielsen and Major Shannon  
19 Edward Nielsen; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Clark will long be remembered for his  
27 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, and friend will be  
28 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. L. Jack Clark and  
31 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. L. Jack  
34 Clark.