

House Resolution 1057

By: Representative Crawford of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Dean Clifton Houk; 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. Dean Clifton Houk on February 13, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Houk was born on September 14, 1922, in Independence, Virginia, a
5 beloved son of the late Mr. Drewery Houk and the late Mrs. Marty Alverta Houk; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
8 II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Houk graduated from Milligan College, Southwestern Theological
10 Seminary, and the University of Toledo; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Houk served as pastor of two Georgia
12 churches, Mt. Gilead in Griffin and Shiloh Baptist Church in Thomaston, before moving to
13 Ohio, where he pastored nine churches and taught special education for 27 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, his passion for leading people to Christ was further shown through his
15 cofounding of Little Children of the World, Inc., a ministry for street children and children
16 at risk in the Philippines; and
- 17 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. Houk returned to Georgia and became a member of
18 Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton and in 2008 became a member of the First Baptist
19 Church of Barnesville upon his move to the area; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Houk was united in love and marriage to his wife, Peggy Carroll Houk, for
21 66 wonderful years, and was blessed with the love and support of his children, Glenna and

22 Larry Waller, Deanna Kaye and Byron Lovelady, Crystal Day and Claude Hedspeth, and
23 Trina Carroll Houk and Chip Schneider; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Houk was the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 14
25 great-grandchildren and leaves behind many who will cherish his memory; 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, Mr. Houk will long be remembered for his
33 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend
34 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 Mr. Dean Clifton Houk
37 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 Mr. Dean
40 Clifton Houk.