

House Resolution 1104

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Holmes of the 125th, Martin of the 47th, Watson of the 163rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Larry Munson and inviting his family to be recognized by
2 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Larry Munson on November 20, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Munson was born on September 27, 1922, in Minneapolis; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a veteran of
7 World War II, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, he used his discharge pay after World War II to enroll in broadcasting school
9 in 1945, followed by his first job in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he worked with another
10 future Hall of Fame broadcaster, Curt Gowdy; and

11 WHEREAS, his broadcasting career finally brought him to Atlanta in 1966, where he was
12 hired as part of the first Atlanta Braves broadcasting team, and later that year he was hired
13 by Joel Eaves, UGA's athletic director, and Dan Magill, UGA's longtime publicist and
14 historian, to become the voice of the Georgia Bulldogs; and

15 WHEREAS, Larry was honored by the Georgia General Assembly in 1983 for his great role
16 in the Georgia championship football program and again in 1997 when he reached his 50th
17 year in broadcasting; and

18 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in
19 1994, won the Chris Schenkel Award which recognizes career achievement in broadcasting
20 from the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003, was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall
21 of Fame in 2005, and won the Atlanta Sports Council's Furman Bisher Award for media
22 excellence in 2008; and

23 WHEREAS, Larry passionately implored his beloved team to victory every Saturday and is
24 remembered for the incredible bond he forged with the Georgia people; and

25 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his hard work and love for his state, and
26 the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Larry Munson will long be remembered
28 for his love of his Georgia Bulldogs, and this loyal man will be missed by all who had the
29 great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Larry Munson and invite his family
32 to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the
33 Speaker of the House.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Larry Munson.