

House Resolution 1186

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Smith of the 131st, Buckner of the 130th, Hugley of the 133rd, and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Judge John Henry Land; 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 Judge John Henry Land on November 30, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Judge Land was born on June 12, 1918 in Columbus, Georgia, a beloved son
5 to the late Aaron Brewster Land and Mattie Miller Land; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of the Muscogee County School System and graduated from
7 the University of Georgia in 1939 where he earned his L.L.B. degree; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Army during World War II, rising from private to the rank of major before he was
10 honorably discharged in 1946; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Judge Land was united in love and marriage to Mary L. Land and was blessed
12 with six remarkable children, John H. Land III, Martha Miller Christensen, Jeffrey Brooks
13 Land, Jere Wilson Land, and Karen Parcerisas; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he then began a successful and varied career of public service, including a term
15 as Senator in the Georgia General Assembly from 1949-1950 and as Judge of the Superior
16 Court, taking office on December 20, 1964; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Judge John Henry Land will long be
21 remembered for his love of family and friends, and this loyal son, husband, father, and friend
22 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Judge John Henry Land
25 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Judge John
28 Henry Land.