

House Resolution 1218

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Taylor of the 79th, Meadows of the 5th, Atwood of the 179th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Colonel Stanley Newcomb Collins, Jr., United States Marine
2 Corps; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Collins was born on January 30, 1937, in Alexandria, Virginia; and

4 WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Maryland and received a Master's degree
5 from the College of William and Mary; and

6 WHEREAS, he entered flight training as a NAV/CAD in 1956 at Naval Air Station and
7 received his wings and commission as Second Lieutenant, USMCR, in 1958; and

8 WHEREAS, he served with HMR-362 and VMO-2 in Japan and Okinawa from 1959 to
9 1960, during which time he participated in Operation "Saddle Up" in support of South East
10 Asia Treaty Organization forces in British North Borneo and Operation "Blue Star" in
11 support of the Republic of China Forces in Taiwan; and

12 WHEREAS, after serving in several Marine Corps Reserve fighter and helicopter squadrons
13 after active duty he retired in 1988 with the rank of Colonel; and

14 WHEREAS, he went on to work with Delta Air Lines as a pilot in 1965, initially serving as
15 a flight engineer, advanced to Captain in 1972, later served as a line check airman, and
16 retired in 1997 as an international Captain; and

17 WHEREAS, he became active in the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol after retiring from
18 Delta Air Lines where he was rapidly qualified as a Mission Pilot and Incident Commander,
19 training and directing members in many real and training exercises in Search and Rescue in
20 the Georgia area and soloed a number of cadets on their aviation careers; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel Collins served three terms from 1969 to 1974 in the Georgia
22 Legislature representing DeKalb County on the House Appropriations, Education, Industry
23 and Defense, and Veterans Affairs Committees; and

24 WHEREAS, he received the FAA, Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for 50 years of
25 accident free flying in 2007 and the Senior Member of the Year Award for his work as the
26 Georgia Wing Aircraft Maintenance Officer in 2010; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a proven leader in military, commercial, and general aviation in Georgia
28 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Colonel Stanley Newcomb Collins, Jr., United States
32 Marine Corps, for mentoring many pilots and dedicating over five decades to flying.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel Stanley Newcomb
35 Collins, Jr.