

House Resolution 1574

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Dunahoo of the 25th, Collins of the 27th, and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of J. Bradley Abernathy; 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 J. Bradley Abernathy on February 6, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, J. Bradley Abernathy was born in Gainesville, Georgia, a beloved son of Dot
5 and William Ford Abernathy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he went to work at Commerce Sportswear after high school as plant manager
7 when the role of breadwinner for his family was thrust upon him at the early passing of his
8 father; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he began working for Don Carter Realty in 1972 and later became an owner of
10 Boulevard Associates Real Estate, which eventually became Northside Realty; and
- 11 WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman and cook, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, skiing,
12 listening to music, and gardening, but his true passion was the time he spent with his family
13 and friends; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Abernathy was united in love and marriage to Beth Abernathy, and was
15 blessed with eight remarkable children: R. Brad, Stacey, and Jill V. Abernathy; and Ben,
16 Suzie, Elizabeth, Jim, and Charlie Hawkins; and five wonderful grandchildren: Sadie Mason
17 and Katharine Bradley Abernathy; and Anne Christine, Benny Lee, Jr., and Jane Elizabeth
18 Hawkins; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Abernathy will long be remembered
26 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, father, grandfather, and
27 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of J. Bradley Abernathy and
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of J. Bradley
33 Abernathy.