

House Resolution 1575

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 Dr. L. Wendell Carpenter; 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 Dr. L. Wendell Carpenter after an illustrious professional career; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter was born in Jasper, Florida, a beloved son of Lena Smith
5 Carpenter Rhoden and James Henry Carpenter; and
- 6 WHEREAS, his acclaimed life resounded with his passions for study, music, books, sports,
7 travel, and antiques, but all were secondary to his love and support for his wife and children;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Florida State University,
10 two master's degrees in religious education and church music from the New Orleans Baptist
11 Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in music education from Florida State; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter was united in love and marriage to his wife, Marguerite, for 51
13 years and was blessed with two remarkable children, Susan Carpenter Beasley and Cris
14 Howell Carpenter, and seven wonderful grandchildren, Ashley, Jimmy, Brad, and John
15 Beasley and Liza, Sam, and Margaret Carpenter; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his professional life reflected deep personal commitments and formal academic
17 training as his faith and career were symphonically paralleled; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was one of the most accomplished musicians in his community and of his
19 time; and

20 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
22 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. L. Wendell Carpenter
31 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. L. Wendell
34 Carpenter.