

## House Resolution 1617

By: Representatives Dickey of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Peake of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Beverly of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Randall of the 138<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Albert Phillips Reichert; 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 Albert Phillips Reichert on February 16, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Reichert was born on January 25, 1914, in Columbus, Georgia, a beloved  
5 son of Jacob and Ann Phillips Reichert; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Naval Reserve as an officer in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters, valiantly and  
8 courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Reichert was an active member of  
10 Vineville United Methodist Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he enrolled at Emory University in 1932 where he was a member and president  
12 of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was inducted into the Emory  
13 Sports Hall of Fame; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he received a master's degree in philosophy from Duke University in 1937 and,  
15 after the war, worked full-time for the railroad while attending Mercer's Walter F. George  
16 School of Law full-time, graduating cum laude in 1948; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he practiced law at Anderson, Anderson, and Walker, which later became  
18 Anderson, Walker, and Reichert; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a noted attorney and adjunct professor at Mercer University, he was honored  
20 numerous times, receiving the Tradition of Excellence Award from the State Bar of Georgia

21 and the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Mercer  
22 University; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Reichert was a member and president of the Macon Rotary Club, a member  
24 and state chair of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and a member and chair  
25 of the State Board of Bar Examiners and the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 75 years, the late Elizabeth  
28 Walton Bowen "Chunk" Reichert, and was blessed with three remarkable sons, Albert  
29 Phillips, Jr., Stephen Allan, and Robert Adger Bowen; four wonderful grandchildren, Albert  
30 Phillips Reichert III, John Walker Reichert, Elizabeth Bowen Reichert, and Thomas  
31 Dunwoody Reichert; and three adored great-grandchildren, Eden Pape, Luna Walker, and  
32 Sarana Burnam Reichert; and

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

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

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
40 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Albert Phillips Reichert  
41 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Albert Phillips  
44 Reichert.