

## House Resolution 1763

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

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Samuel L. Oliver; 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 Mr. Samuel L. Oliver on May 25, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver was born on May 31, 1942, in Toccoa, Georgia, a beloved son of the  
5 late Lamar Oliver and Mary (Chandler) Oliver; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Navy as a judge advocate general until his discharge in 1969; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Oliver was an active member of Grace  
9 Episcopal Church where he served on the governing board for three terms and as senior  
10 warden for two terms; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he worked his way through college, earning his Bachelor of Arts from the  
12 University of Georgia and his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law  
13 while serving as editor of the *Georgia Law School Review*; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he joined the law firm of Kenyon, Gunter, Hulsey, Sims, and Oliver in 1969 and  
15 specialized in areas of corporate and business law; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was a founding director of GB&T Bancshares and its predecessor,  
17 Gainesville Bank and Trust, serving on the board from its beginning until the bank's  
18 acquisition by SunTrust; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver served on numerous local, community, and civil boards, including  
20 12 years as a member of the Gainesville Board of Education, three years as chairman, and

21 as a member and chairman of the Northeast Georgia Community Foundation and the  
22 Gainesville College Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a former trustee of the Quinlan Arts Center, past member of the  
24 Gainesville Planning Commission, and past president and lieutenant governor of Kiwanis  
25 Club; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver was united in love and marriage to Jane Oliver, and was blessed with  
27 three remarkable children, Eric, Susan, and David, and six wonderful grandchildren, Sloan  
28 and Sam Oliver, Ethan Dodds, Sawyer and Samuel Rhett Brown, and Kaelan Delong; and

29 WHEREAS, he was committed to his career and community, but nothing exceeded his  
30 commitment and love for his family, always prioritizing to be a role model and mentor for  
31 his children and grandchildren who are continuing his legacy; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Samuel L. Oliver and  
37 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Samuel  
40 L. Oliver.