

## House Resolution 1838

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup> and Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James T. Sapp; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. James T. Sapp enlisted with the United States Army in 1942, hoping to get  
3 into the Air Force; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he finished jump school in November of 1942 and in April of 1943 joined the  
5 82nd Airborne Division, spent 29 months overseas, and saw 371 days of combat; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he not only survived the Battle of the Bulge, but was in Germany when the U.S.  
7 Army met the Russians; and
- 8 WHEREAS, upon his return to the United States, Mr. Sapp vowed to honor those who gave  
9 their lives for this country by becoming the best man that he could be, and he lives a life of  
10 service to others in testament to that promise; and
- 11 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Sapp was featured in a telethon to  
12 raise money for a WWII monument to be placed in Savannah, and continues his service to  
13 veteran and civic organizations and historical societies; he publicly speaks to groups,  
14 including school children, about WWII; he consults with Port Wentworth in a historical  
15 church building restoration and the beginning of a historical museum for the town; and is the  
16 chaplain of the American Legion Post 209 in Effingham County; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has received many honors, including the Bronze Star, the Good Conduct  
18 Medal, the Presidential Unit Emblem of European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal  
19 with six stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupational Medal, the Expert  
20 Combat Infantry Badge, the Belgian Fourragere, the Netherlands Orange Lanyard, the  
21 Honorable Service Lapel Button, the World War II Parachute Badge with three stars, and the  
22 Bronze Arrowhead; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage on January 12, 1947, to the late Mary  
24 Wendelken, and together they were blessed with two remarkable children, Jimmy Sapp and  
25 Beverly Smithey; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Sapp is an active member of Rincon  
27 United Methodist Church; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Sapp will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 20, 2012, and it is  
29 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and bravery of this  
30 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized during this special time in his life.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend Mr. James T. Sapp for his efficient, effective, unselfish,  
33 dedicated public service to his community and state, express their most profound  
34 appreciation for him and all members of the United States military who stand ever ready to  
35 lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom, and extend their sincere best wishes for  
36 success in future endeavors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James T. Sapp.