

House Resolution 1995

By: Representatives Powell of the 29th, Ralston of the 7th, Meadows of the 5th, O`Neal of the 146th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. John Henry Chamlee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. John Henry Chamlee was born on December 10, 1923, in Cherokee
3 County, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
5 States Department of the Army for 38 years at the Atlanta Army Depot, Robins Air Force
6 Base, Homestead Air Force Base in Florida, Utica in New York, Hogar Generating Plant in
7 Philadelphia, and Fort McPherson, from which he retired; and

8 WHEREAS, after retiring from the Army, he was recruited by Senator Terrell Starr and hired
9 by Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller to serve as Senate Doorkeeper for the 1988 Session, then
10 accepted a position as bailiff with the Superior Court of Clayton County; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1994, Senator Starr and Representative Bill Lee convinced him to return as
12 Doorkeeper for the House of Representatives where he served for 17 years until his
13 retirement in 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, the position of Doorkeeper is distinguished, these hard working and dedicated
15 employees have been enormous assets to the citizens of Georgia, and all the members of the
16 General Assembly greatly appreciate the invaluable service of Doorkeepers; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Chamlee, affectionately known as "Pappa John," as well as every
18 Doorkeeper who has previously served the Georgia General Assembly, were known for
19 keeping order; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Chamlee worked with many other Doorkeepers who are worthy of
21 recognition, including Mr. Charlie Peek, Mr. James Parrish, Mr. Tommy Taylor, and Mr.
22 John Sowell; and

23 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Adele, and together they are blessed with
24 three remarkable children, Robert, Sandra, and Susan, four wonderful grandchildren, and ten
25 adored great-grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Chamlee is a Baptist deacon, Sunday school teacher, sanctuary choir
27 member, Little League coach, Boy Scout leader, volunteer fireman, and a member of the
28 Forest Park Kiwanis Club for 25 years; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Chamlee served with honor and distinction with the House of
30 Representatives and his vision and unyielding commitment have been sorely missed since
31 his retirement to become the primary caregiver to his loving wife; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend Mr. John Henry Chamlee and every Doorkeeper that has
36 ever worked for the House of Representatives for their efficient, effective, unselfish, and
37 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

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 Mr. John Henry Chamlee.