

House Resolution 2012

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23rd, Dudgeon of the 24th, and Amerson of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Goodman Baker; 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. James Goodman Baker on February 18, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was born on February 10, 1924, in Florence, Alabama, and spent
5 most of his life in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army Signal Corps from 1942 to 1946; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a well-respected businessman and true entrepreneur, Mr. Baker began his career
9 as a buyer for Sherman Stores Company; became the proud owner of Baker Motor Company,
10 Inc., in 1965; organized Baker Imported Auto Parts in 1969; created Advanced Computer
11 Systems, Inc., in 1977; and started American Digital Products in 1981; and
- 12 WHEREAS, an active member in his community, Mr. Baker served as president of Atlanta
13 International Raceway, American Baker Corporation, and Centre Ice; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was united in love and marriage to Eleanor Sherman Baker in 1946
15 and spent 66 years living, loving, working, traveling, and laughing together; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
18 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
21 made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Baker will long be remembered for his
23 love of family and friendship, and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
24 him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Goodman
27 Baker and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. James
30 Goodman Baker.