

House Resolution 2035

By: Representatives Powell of the 29th, Ralston of the 7th, Jasperse of the 12th, Williams of the 4th, Rogers of the 10th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Congressman Edgar Lanier Jenkins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the untimely passing of Congressman Edgar Lanier Jenkins; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Congressman Jenkins was born in 1933, in Towns County, a beloved son of
5 Charlie and Evia Jenkins; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he protected this nation's freedoms and liberties by serving with the United
7 States Coast Guard; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Congressman Jenkins was united in love and sustained in marriage to Jo Jenkins
9 and was blessed with two remarkable daughters, Janice Jenkins Anderson and Amy Jenkins
10 Dotson, and two remarkable grandsons, Sam and Drew Dotson; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he attended Young Harris College and Emory University and graduated from
12 the University of Georgia School of Law; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a humble and able country lawyer, Congressman Jenkins became an assistant
14 U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia and entered the private practice of law in
15 Jasper and worked for his longtime mentor, Congressman Phil M. Landrum; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was elected to the United States House of Representative in 1976 and served
17 with distinction and honor for 16 years on the Committee on Ways and Means, Committee
18 on Standards and Official Conduct, the House Textile Caucus, the Subcommittee on Trade,
19 and the House Budget Committee, and was nominated as a candidate for Majority Leader;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Congressman Jenkins served as a founding board member of Pickens Technical
22 Institute, a member and chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia,
23 and a trustee emeritus of Young Harris College; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a politician and civil man known for his ferocious North Georgia
25 mountains sense of humor and legendary storytelling, such as the tale of Zell and his
26 unpredictable twin Ezell; and

27 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
28 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
29 family and friends were admired by others; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Congressman Jenkins lived in a district and
31 state where he served with highest honor and will long be remembered for his love of family
32 and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, father, and friend will be missed by all who had
33 the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in honoring the good life and indelible memory of
36 Congressman Edgar Lanier Jenkins and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his
37 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 Congressman
40 Edgar Lanier Jenkins.