

## House Resolution 2182

By: Representatives Hatfield of the 177<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 168<sup>th</sup>, Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Honorable Harry D. Dixon, Sr.; 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 Honorable Harry D. Dixon, Sr. on March 12, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Representative Dixon was born on March 24, 1925, a beloved son of the late  
5 Reverend Huey Dixon and Mattie Woodard Dixon; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Merchant Marines as a seaman, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow  
8 Americans during World War II and during the Normandy Invasion; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after the war he worked as an engineer with the Atlantic Coast Railroad until  
10 his retirement in 1985; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was elected by the citizens of Ware County as a Representative in the  
12 Georgia General Assembly in 1962 where he also served Clinch County, Charlton County,  
13 and Camden County until 2000; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Representative Dixon was appointed to various committees, including the  
15 Appropriations Committee, Insurance Committee, and Regulated Beverages Committee; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 2000 he was selected by his fellow legislators to serve as a board member  
17 of the Georgia Department of Transportation until 2005; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his many accomplishments include spearheading the creation of The Lakes at  
19 Laura S. Walker Golf Course and the expansion of Ware Correctional Institution, as well as  
20 assisting with the promotion of the Okefenokee Heritage Center, Waycross Area Community  
21 Theater, and Southern Forest World; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Dixon was famous for his exceptional ability to portray colorful  
23 and illustrative stories to make his point and is remembered by everyone for his wonderful  
24 sense of humor; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Dixon was united in love and marriage to the late Ruth Starling  
26 for 49 years and was blessed with a remarkable son, Harry D. "Donnie" Dixon, Jr., and two  
27 wonderful grandchildren, Kelly Elizabeth Dixon and Harry D. Dixon III; and

28 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
29 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
30 made this world a better place in which to live; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Representative Dixon will long be  
32 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, father,  
33 grandfather, and friend will be missed by all who had 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 life and memory of Honorable Harry D.  
36 Dixon, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of Honorable  
39 Harry D. Dixon, Sr.