

House Resolution 24EX

By: Representative Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Captain Basil Victor "Vic" Hewes; 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 Captain Basil Victor "Vic" Hewes on June 30, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Captain Hewes was born in 1922 in Leicester, England, and began a long career
5 as an aviator in 1935, sweeping hangars and washing planes in exchange for a few hours of
6 flying at the local aero club; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he joined the Royal Air Force in 1941, completed a tour as a single-engine
8 flight instructor with the United States Army Air Corps at Cochran Field in Macon, Georgia,
9 and flew combat operations in Mosquitoes and Spitfires over Europe and Southeast Asia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after his military service, Captain Hewes returned to the United States to serve
11 as a pilot for Delta Airlines, flying DC-3s for 32 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after retiring from Delta Airlines, Captain Hewes helped organize and operate
13 a new regional airline, Air Atlanta, and served as Wing Commander for the Confederate Air
14 Force at Falcon Field; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a lifelong aviator, Captain Hewes flew over 34,500 hours and 12 million miles
16 and was responsible for numerous aviation safety reforms through his work in the field of
17 crash investigations, prevention, and survival; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Captain Hewes was united in love and marriage to the late Betty Liipfert Hewes
19 for 63 wonderful years and was blessed with three remarkable children, Hope Robinson, Pam
20 Jones, and David Hewes, five wonderful grandchildren, and four delightful
21 great-grandchildren; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Captain Hewes will long be remembered
29 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather, and friend will be
30 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Captain Basil Victor "Vic"
33 Hewes and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Captain Basil
36 Victor "Vic" Hewes.