

House Resolution 43EX

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Collins of the 27th, Mills of the 25th, and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Pete Morrison; 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. Pete Morrison on July 4, 2011, at the age of 91; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Gainesville, Pete was the son of the late John and Kate
5 Simmons Morrison, was a member of the first graduating class of Lyman Hall High School,
6 and later attended Furman University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his life's work was spent in the hardware business, owning and operating the
8 Ace Hardware store in Gainesville, which he purchased in 1975; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Pete was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy; was a
10 civic leader, serving on the Gainesville City school board for many years and on the library
11 board; was a member of the Gainesville Elks Club, Gainesville Jaycees, and the Kiwanis
12 Club of Gainesville; and was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding football and basketball referee for the Blue Ridge
14 Association and played semi-professional baseball as well as basketball in his youth; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 57 years, Myrele Reed Morrison; his daughter and
16 son-in-law, Melissa and Chuck Herbert; grandson William Morrison Wade; and numerous
17 nieces, nephews, and friends.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Pete Morrison and
20 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Pete
23 Morrison.