

House Resolution 247

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Edgar George David, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most committed citizens with
3 the passing of Lt. Col. Edgar George David, Jr., on September 20, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. David was born on January 13, 1929, in Tampa, Florida, a beloved son
5 of Edna Mona Anderson and Edgar George David, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife Marie Elinor Alston David for
7 48 years and was blessed with six daughters, nine remarkable grandchildren, and four loving
8 great-grandchildren; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. David was a celebrated graduate of Castle Heights Military Academy,
10 North Georgia College, and the University of Georgia, after which he entered a 20 year
11 military career in the United States Army; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty during both the
13 Korean and Vietnam wars, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans as
14 a Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader and as both a Detachment Commander and Senior Army
15 Advisor in the 5th Special forces Group, and retired from the service in 1971 with the rank
16 of Lieutenant Colonel; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. David earned the Master Parachutist Badge, the Combat Infantryman
18 Badge with Star, the Ranger Tab, the Air Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam
19 Service Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Vietnamese Parachutist Badge;
20 and
- 21 WHEREAS, in 1974, he returned to his childhood home of Dawson County, where he served
22 his community with courage, diligence, and passion, acting as president and secretary of the

23 Dawsonville Lions Club, Chairman of the Dawson County Municipal Planning Commission,
24 where he co-authored the first zoning rules and regulations for Dawson County, co-founder
25 of the Dawson County Humane Society, and an instrumental founder of the Dawson County
26 Republican Party, among many other community associations; and

27 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. David, loved by many for his gentle and kind ways, was the inspiration
28 and first recipient of the Dawson County Stewardship Award, and, by the example he made
29 of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, his dedication to his country was surpassed only by his devotion to his family
31 and friends, and this committed leader, family man, and visionary for Dawson County will
32 be missed by all who had the great opportunity of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lt. Col. Edgar George
35 David, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lt. Col. Edgar
38 George David, Jr.