

House Resolution 250

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Charles B. Finley; 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. Charles B. Finley on July 4, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Finley was born on July 5, 1947, in Dawson County, a beloved son of
5 Charlie and Dorothy Finley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Dawson County High School and the University of Georgia,
7 going on to teach in the Dawson County School System for 42 years and remaining a staunch
8 Georgia Bulldogs fan; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Finley's passion for history and genealogy led him to author books on the
10 history of Dawson County, maintain membership with the Dawson County Historical and
11 Genealogical Society, and help found the Dawson County Jaycees, who were instrumental
12 in establishing the Mountain Moonshine Festival and the Empty Stocking Fund, now called
13 KARE for Kids; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of great love for God, Mr. Finley was an active member of Goshen
15 Baptist Church, where he served as deacon, as well as a member of the Gideons
16 International; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage for almost 31 years to his wife Kathy C.
18 Finley and was blessed with one loving son, Benjamin; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Finley was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
20 reputation for integrity, intelligence, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life,
21 he made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, he possessed a great love for the entire Dawson County community and
23 considered all of them family, and this hardworking and loving husband, father, and teacher
24 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles B. Finley and
27 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Charles
30 B. Finley.