

House Resolution 420

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, Sharper of the 177th, Nimmer of the 178th, Black of the 174th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Harley Langdale, Jr.; 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 Harley Langdale, Jr., on February 11, 2013, at the age of 98; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born as the eldest child of Judge Harley and Thalia Lee, and the
5 responsibilities for his family's forestry business fell on his shoulders; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after attending the University of Georgia School of Forestry, he became one of
7 the first foresters in the state and was a pioneer in so many aspects of forestry; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Harley Langdale's vision took his company from a primary concentration on
9 logging to other diversified areas, including tree farming; and in the 1990s, the Langdale
10 Company planted its one billionth seedling; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he lived in an austere manner, eschewing personal luxury for the ability to help
12 others, and on the advice of his father, put all profits back into the company, employing
13 hundreds and creating a foundation to benefit thousands; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he and his wife Eileen did not have children of their own, but provided careers
15 for many members of the Langdale family; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he walked in the woods every day, maintaining both his inner peace and his
17 connection to the forests that had sustained his family for more than 150 years; and
- 18 WHEREAS, at the time of his death, he was the oldest living registered forester in the
19 country, leaving behind a legacy unequalled in generosity, faith, work ethic, and humbleness,
20 and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Harley Langdale, Jr., and
23 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Harley
26 Langdale, Jr.