

House Resolution 426

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Billy Brescia; 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 Billy Brescia in January, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Brescia sold homes in the Columbus market for 65 years and was beloved
5 by those who knew him for his mild-mannered nature and easy-going smile; and
- 6 WHEREAS, throughout his impressive career, Mr. Brescia witnessed booming markets,
7 fluctuating interest rates, deep recessions, and euphoric rises in consumer confidence which
8 gave him the experience and drive that made him a hero and mentor to all of his colleagues
9 in the real estate business; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was born on February 17, 1917, and was a graduate of Columbus Industrial
11 High School; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his sweetheart, Claudia Childs, for more
13 than 70 years, and the two were blessed with three beautiful children, David, Becky, and
14 William; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Brescia served as corporal in the United States Army Air Corps during
16 World War II; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he began his career in the shipping department at Archer Mills in 1935, retiring
18 in 1970, and he started working part time in real estate in 1947 before going full time in
19 1970; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of dedication and initiative, Mr. Brescia spent innumerable hours serving
21 the community through the Georgia Association of Realtors Political Action Committee

22 (GARPAC) and Political/Legislative Affairs Committee, both of which he cochaired from
23 2010 to 2011, the Realtors Extending a Caring Hand Committee, the Multiple Listing Service
24 Committee, the Boy Scouts of America, Little League Baseball, School Safety Patrol, the
25 Columbus Public Safety Board, and the American Legion; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Billy Brescia received numerous awards in honor of his inspirational
27 diligence and success, including the Golden Rule Award in Columbus in 1984, the Realtor
28 of the Year title in Columbus in 1991, the Dick McCudden Award for Exceptional Support
29 of GARPAC in 2000, the Columbus Board of Realtors Community Service Award in 2003,
30 emeritus status granted by the National Association of Realtors in 2006, lifetime membership
31 in the Circle of Excellence, and the title of Georgia Realtor of the Year in 2011; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Billy Brescia and
37 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Billy
40 Brescia.