

House Resolution 439

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Thomas "Tom" Weston Hodge; 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 Thomas "Tom" Weston Hodge on October 6, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born in South Carolina, he was raised in Gainesville, Georgia, by an aunt and
5 uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Larry Kleckley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended Gainesville High School and graduated from Presbyterian College;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Navy during World War II, and he was a commander of the Paul E. Bolding Post 7 of
10 the American Legion; and
- 11 WHEREAS, for 25 years, he was president of Hodge & Murphy Poultry Company; and he
12 was president of Mulberry Farms and Braselton Packing Company, manager of the Georgia
13 Poultry Exchange, general manger of Miller Poultry Company, organizer of Lanier Park
14 Hospital, where he served on the board and as its chairman, and board member of the
15 Gainesville Planning Commission and the Gainesville-Hall County Development Authority;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, Tom Hodge was also the president of the Gainesville Civitan Club, the Rifle
18 and Pistol Club, and the North Georgia Sportsmans Club, an exalted ruler of the Gainesville
19 Elks Club No. 1126, and a board member of Lakeview Academy; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was a member, elder, deacon, and Sunday
21 school superintendent of the Gainesville First Presbyterian Church; and he also was a trustee
22 of the Presbyterian Home in Quitman, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Frances Powell Hodge, three beloved
24 children and their spouses, Tom and Cathy Hodge, Helen and Rodger Fuller, and Jack and
25 Patsy Hodge, and eight granddaughters, one grandson, and one great-grandson; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
27 of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
28 him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Thomas "Tom" Weston
31 Hodge and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Thomas
34 "Tom" Weston Hodge.