

House Resolution 441

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 Mr. Alton M. "Pete" Davenport; 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. Alton M. "Pete" Davenport on October 18, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport was a native of Hall County and the beloved son of John
5 Morgan and Lillie Bell Davenport; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of conviction and courage, he served in the United States Army during
7 World War II; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport was one of the founders and co-owner, along with Paul Little,
9 of the Little and Davenport Funeral Home in Gainesville, Georgia, which started in 1954;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science in Nashville,
12 Tennessee, and was a former member of the Georgia Funeral Directors Association and
13 National Funeral Directors Association; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport was a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Georgia for
15 over 50 years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was a devoted member and deacon of
17 Chicopee Baptist Church; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, service, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his
20 life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Alton M. "Pete" Davenport will long
22 be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal family man and friend
23 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Alton M. "Pete"
26 Davenport and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Alton M.
29 "Pete" Davenport.