

House Resolution 572

By: Representatives Nix of the 69th, Epps of the 132nd, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Walter Johnson Lukken; 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. Walter Johnson Lukken on Wednesday, January 23, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukken was born on December 18, 1927, in Worthing, South Dakota, a
5 beloved son of Lewis Lukken and Genevieve Ardell Lukken; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army, earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska, and was a
8 graduate of General Motors Technical Institute; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukken was preceded in death by his first wife, Mollie Healy Lukken; and
10 is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Lukken; seven wonderful children, Deborah, Jeff,
11 Laura, Carrie, Peter, Fritz, and Amy; two loving stepchildren, Charles and Kimberly; and 18
12 remarkable grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, he was the president of Dealer's Transit in Chicago, Illinois, founder and owner
14 of Lukken Chevrolet Oldsmobile in LaGrange, Georgia, and the owner of LaGrange Express;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lukken was a member of First United
17 Methodist Church of LaGrange; and

18 WHEREAS, a longtime community leader, Mr. Lukken was an active member of the
19 Highland Country Club, former member of the Rotary Club of LaGrange, two-term president
20 of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman and later the director of the LaGrange Industrial
21 Authority, former chairman of the Troup County Republican Party, and a member of the
22 board of C&S Bank; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukken, who was one of the first to be awarded the Georgia Volunteer of
24 the Year Award for his work in LaGrange, loved his community and worked tirelessly to
25 promote the city for over 20 years; and

26 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
27 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
28 family, friends, and colleagues were admired by others; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Lukken will long be remembered for
30 his love for his community, family, and friends, and this loyal husband, father, and
31 grandfather will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Walter Johnson
34 Lukken and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Walter
37 Johnson Lukken.