

House Resolution 643

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Watson of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Yates of the 73rd, Atwood of the 179th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Mr. Jim Chavers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia honors one of its most distinguished citizens, Mr. Jim
3 Chavers, the remaining living member of the 4th Marine Division that fought in World War
4 II's infamous Battle of Iwo Jima; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
6 United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans
7 during World War II; and
- 8 WHEREAS, as a special tribute for Veterans Day, Savannah, Georgia's Frank W. Mobley
9 Lodge #7 recognized one of its own, Mr. Chavers, as the guest of honor at a public ceremony
10 the evening of November 12, 2012; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers addressed a standing room only crowd, and spoke about his life
12 and career, displaying memorabilia from the battlefield that he is donating to the World War
13 II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana; and
- 14 WHEREAS, attendees attentively listened to Mr. Chavers as he detailed his experiences on
15 Iwo Jima, including witnessing the now iconic raising of the American flag on Mt. Suribachi;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, a detachment of United States Marines from Parris Island, South Carolina,
18 United States Representative Jack Kingston, National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
19 President Chuck Canterbury, and Georgia FOP President Carlton Stallings joined Frank W.
20 Mobley Lodge #7 President Aulmon Jiles and fellow lodge members to pay homage to Mr.
21 Chavers for his dedicated and selfless service; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers joined the FOP during his 33 year career as a customs inspector
23 for the United States Customs Service; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers is a man of magnanimous strengths who has served with honor and
25 distinction, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the devotion to his community, state,
26 and country of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring Mr. Jim Chavers for his selfless, dedicated, and
29 patriotic service to the State of Georgia and to the United States of America, and extend to
30 him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jim Chavers.