

## House Resolution 767

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Gardner Wright and inviting him to be recognized by the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner Wright was born on December 18, 1929, a beloved son of Mary  
4 Lynn Brogdon Wright Tarpley and William Gardner Wright, Sr., and a great-grandson of  
5 Daniel R. Mitchell, one of the five founding fathers of Rome, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright has been united in love and marriage for 60 years to Jeanne Brown  
7 Wright and has been blessed with two daughters, Suzanne Wright Protz and Mary Helen  
8 Wright Heaner, and two grandchildren, Mary Elston Heaner, and Gardner Heaner; and

9 WHEREAS, a 1947 graduate of Darlington School, he now serves as a Life Trustee; he  
10 graduated from Georgia Tech in 1951, where he served as president of Phi Delta Theta  
11 Fraternity, a student council member, and a Lieutenant Colonel in ROTC and received his  
12 Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Engineering, and in 1996, he was inducted into the  
13 Academy of Distinguished Engineering Alumni of Georgia Tech's College of Engineering;  
14 and from 1951 to 1953, he served in the United States Army; and

15 WHEREAS, a two-term chairman of the Georgia Textile Manufacturers Association, he  
16 entered the carpet industry with Anchor Rome Mills in 1953 and later became a general  
17 partner at Synthetic Industries, Inc., where he worked until his retirement in 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, an active member of the American Cancer Society (ACS) and an Egie Huff  
19 Award recipient, Mr. Wright has served as president of the board of the Floyd County Unit,  
20 the Georgia State chairman of the ACS Golf Tournament, Northwest Georgia chairman of  
21 the ACS Golf Tournament, and a cochairman of the 1993 Celebration of Hope Ball; and

22 WHEREAS, at 13 years old, he became an Eagle Scout and has served in numerous positions  
23 with the Boy Scouts of America, winning the 1992 Silver Beaver Award and the 2011  
24 Distinguished Citizen Award; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright has played a vital role in his community, helping to found Floyd  
26 Junior College, serving as a past president and 57 year member of Rome Rotary Club,  
27 chairing the Floyd County Republican Party, serving as a director emeritus of the Sun Trust  
28 Bank of Rome, and chairing the Floyd Healthcare Foundation of Floyd Medical Center; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright received the 1997 Heart of the Community Board of Governor's  
30 Award and was the former chairman of the Board of Governors and is a current member of  
31 the Board of Governors of the Rome Area History Museum; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
33 remarkable Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend Mr. Gardner Wright and invite him to be recognized by  
36 the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of  
37 Representatives.

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 Mr. Gardner Wright.