

House Resolution 824

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Floyd Cannon Jarrell, Jr.; 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 Dr. Floyd Cannon Jarrell, Jr., on Sunday, March 17, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Jarrell was born on March 12, 1923, in Taylor County, the beloved ninth
5 of ten children to Mary McCants Jarrell and Floyd Cannon Jarrell, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, his childhood years were spent playing and working on the large diversified
7 family farm; Dr. Jarrell graduated from the University of Georgia, remaining an avid Bulldog
8 throughout his life; and he served in the Army Medical Corps for the Army of the
9 Occupation in Sendai, Japan; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a 1946 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) who later completed
11 his specialized training in Ophthalmology/Otolaryngology at Emory University, Dr. Jarrell
12 was a past president of the MCG Alumni Association, founder of the MCG Foundation, and
13 the namesake of MCG's chair of Surgical Oncology; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to the compassionate care of his patients in Columbus as
15 the founding member of the West Georgia Eye Care Center; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 2008, St. Francis Hospital honored Dr. Jarrell and his brother, Dr. Harold
17 George Jarrell, Sr., with the Dr. Clarence Butler Service and Leadership Award; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was an active member of the Rotary Club of Columbus for 52 years, a lover
19 of nature whose bond with nature was an evident part of his character, and an ardent gardener
20 at his Columbus home and beloved Talbot County farm; and

21 WHEREAS, his loving wife of 59 years, Betty Jo "Jody" Driftmier Jarrell, predeceased him,
22 as did his parents and his nine siblings, brothers Polk, Thelmon, Gorman, Fred, Arthur, and
23 Harold, and sisters Hazel, Cathryn, and Marie; and

24 WHEREAS, he is survived by his five loving children, Mark, Scott, Reed, Todd, and Joanna;
25 his nine grandchildren, Elizabeth, Mary, Mark, Taylor, Grant, Caroline, Sarah, Christopher,
26 and Helen; his beloved sisters-in-law Estelle and Corinne; his brothers-in-law R.H. and
27 Dequindre; and his many nieces, nephews, and extended family members; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Jarrell was a man of gentle spirit, humility, selfless generosity, and devotion
29 to the well-being of others and, by the example he made of his life, he made this world a
30 better place in which to live; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Jarrell will long be remembered for his loving association and relationship
32 with devoted family and the multitude of friends who were so dear to him, and this
33 remarkable man will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Floyd Cannon Jarrell,
36 Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Floyd
39 Cannon Jarrell, Jr.