

House Resolution 908

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th, Geisinger of the 48th, Ralston of the 7th, England of the 116th, Abrams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Representative Clay Ford; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a distinguished individual with the
3 passing of Representative Clay Ford on March 18, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Infantry
5 in the United States Army Reserve, and the Arkansas National Guard from 1955 to 1988,
6 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans and retiring as a colonel; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Representative Ford was a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives
8 from 1975 to 1976; from 1977 to 1979, he was a member of the Special School District
9 Board in Pulaski County, Arkansas; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was a delegate to the Arkansas Constitutional Convention held in 1978 and
11 1979; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after moving to Florida, he served on the Gulf Breeze City Council from 1990
13 to 2007 and was president of the Florida League of Cities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Representative Ford began his service in the Florida Legislature in 2007 and
15 later became the Deputy Whip; during the Session, he was the Chairman of Energy and
16 Utilities Subcommittee of the Regulatory Affairs Committee and a distinguished member of
17 the Southern States Energy Board; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Representative Ford was united in love and marriage to Mrs. Carol Ford, and
19 was blessed with three remarkable children, David, Doug, and Clay, and nine wonderful
20 grandchildren; and

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

24 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
26 made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Representative Clay Ford will long be
28 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal public servant, mentor, and
29 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Representative Clay Ford
32 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Representative
35 Clay Ford.