

House Resolution 960

By: Representative Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles O. "Bucky" Coggin, Jr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Mr. Charles O. "Bucky" Coggin, Jr., on April 22, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Coggin was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he  
6 played in the leadership of his community of Hart County and his deep personal commitment  
7 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he was born on May 31, 1927, in DeKalb County, Georgia, a beloved son of  
9 the late Charles O. Coggin, Sr., and Martha Purgason Coggin; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
11 States Army, training as a medic, serving in the military government as the military mayor  
12 of Youn Don Po, Korea, and later serving in the National Guard based in Elberton, Georgia;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, after his return to the United States, Mr. Coggin was highly instrumental in the  
15 development of the Hart County Volunteer Fire Department, where he retired as chief after  
16 20 years of service; and

17 WHEREAS, his significant contributions to the fire department earned him the respect and  
18 admiration of his colleagues, associates, and countless others who have benefited and who  
19 will benefit from the efforts of the volunteer fire department; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Coggin was united in love and marriage to his wife of over 56 years,  
21 Kathleene Partain "Kitty" Coggin, and was blessed with one daughter, Pam, one son, Tim,  
22 and six grandchildren, Christie, Brian, Christopher, Katie, Krista, and Jonathon; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was a member of the Bethany Baptist  
24 Church, as well as a member of Philomatheia Masonic Lodge #25, and a former member of  
25 Savannah Valley Shrine Club; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Coggin will long be remembered for  
27 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and grandfather will be  
28 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles O. "Bucky"  
31 Coggin, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Charles  
34 O. "Bucky" Coggin, Jr.