

House Resolution 1064

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James Ralph Adams (Bud) Finch; 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 James Ralph Adams (Bud) Finch on August 31, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born December 25, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Millard R. and  
5 Katherine Henry Finch; and
- 6 WHEREAS, upon finishing high school in 1948, he enlisted with the Air Force, following  
7 his belief that military service was a great benefit for young men; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he then attended Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, graduating in 1951  
9 and returning home to join his father at Finch Funeral Home; and
- 10 WHEREAS, through his hard work and passion to serve others, Mr. Finch operated an  
11 ambulance service, balancing various duties while managing the funeral home; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his accomplishments include but are not limited to: Chalice Bearer, Lay Reader,  
13 Senior Warden of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, President of the Lions Club of McCaysville,  
14 Red Cross first aid instructor, Department of Family and Children's Service board member,  
15 McCaysville volunteer fireman, President of Georgia embalmers, Civil Air Patrolman,  
16 Mayor of McCaysville for two terms, as well as countless projects at schools and churches  
17 within his community; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved family, including his wife, Sandra Quintrell Finch;  
19 daughters Sarah Finch and Martha (Jake) Williams; and grandchildren Mollie Grace Lariscy,  
20 Russell Brantley (Tripp) Lariscy III, Aaron James Lariscy, and Jacob Finch Williams; and

21 WHEREAS, this amazing individual truly loved people and never met a challenge he would  
22 not face head-on; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the life and memory of James Ralph Adams (Bud) Finch are hereby honored, and the deepest  
28 and most sincere regret is expressed at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of James Ralph  
31 Adams (Bud) Finch.