

House Resolution 1229

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Yates of the 73rd, Meadows of the 5th, Atwood of the 179th, Willard of the 51st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mr. Jim Chavers and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia honors one of its most distinguished citizens, Mr. Jim
4 Chavers, the remaining living member of the 4th Marine Division that fought in World War
5 II's infamous Battle of Iwo Jima; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
7 United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans
8 during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, as a special tribute for Veterans Day, Savannah, Georgia's Frank W. Mobley
10 Lodge #7 recognized one of its own, Mr. Chavers, as the guest of honor at a public ceremony
11 the evening of November 12, 2012; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers addressed a standing room only crowd and spoke about his life and
13 career, displaying memorabilia from the battlefield that he is donating to the World War II
14 Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, attendees attentively listened to Mr. Chavers as he detailed his experiences on
16 Iwo Jima, including witnessing the now iconic raising of the American flag on Mt. Suribachi;
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18 WHEREAS, a detachment of United States Marines from Parris Island, South Carolina,
19 United States Representative Jack Kingston, National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
20 President Chuck Canterbury, and Georgia FOP President Carlton Stallings joined Frank W.
21 Mobley Lodge #7 President Aulmon Jiles and fellow lodge members to pay homage to Mr.
22 Chavers for his dedicated and selfless service; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers joined the FOP during his 33 year career as a customs inspector
24 for the United States Customs Service; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavers is a man of magnanimous strengths who has served with honor and
26 distinction, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the devotion to his community, state,
27 and country of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring Mr. Jim Chavers for his selfless, dedicated, and
30 patriotic service to the State of Georgia and to the United States of America and invite him
31 to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the
32 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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 Mr. Jim Chavers.