

## House Resolution 1232

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Edward R. Needham; 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 Edward R. Needham on October 6, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Edward R. Needham was an active member  
5 of Covington First United Methodist Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Edward R. Needham was united in love and marriage to Lenora Needham, and  
7 was blessed with three remarkable children, Edward W. Needham, Kathy Needham Rhodes,  
8 and Bryan A. Needham, and six wonderful grandchildren, Seth Rhodes, Judson Rhodes,  
9 Charles Needham, Katy Rhodes, Krissy Rhodes, and Rachael Needham; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
11 for his fellow citizens, as evidenced by his work as a talented chemical engineer; Mr.  
12 Needham taught himself computer programming and wrote the production tracking software  
13 for the Beaver Manufacturing Company, which he owned and operated for 43 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1989, the Governor of Georgia presented him the Spirit of Business award;  
15 additionally, Mr. Needham and his wife received the R.O. Arnold Award in 2008; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Needham enjoyed flower gardening and building radios, and was able to  
17 repair anything electrical, including building the family's first television from scratch; he also  
18 enjoyed boating, owning several boats over the years despite not being able to swim; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Needham was a seasoned world traveler and visited numerous South  
20 American countries, including Venezuela, Columbia, Brazil, and Peru during his business  
21 travels; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Edward R. Needham will long be  
26 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and will be missed by all who had the  
27 great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Edward R. Needham and  
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Edward R.  
33 Needham.