

## House Resolution 1300

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Rynders of the 152<sup>nd</sup>, Pruett of the 149<sup>th</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Tom Cooper; 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 Dr. Tom Cooper; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Cooper was the very first certified bariatric physician in Georgia,  
5 specializing in helping patients lose weight; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he developed a unique style of treating his patients, utilizing a combination of  
7 science, medicine, psychology, compassion, and an off-beat sense of humor to help  
8 thousands of people regain their health, shape, and self-esteem; and
- 9 WHEREAS, humor was a trademark for Dr. Cooper, as his large collection of bears,  
10 including paintings, sculptures, carvings, and stuffed bears, resulted in his offices and his  
11 home being affectionately named "Bear Manor"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dr. Cooper had offices in East Cobb, Waycross, Albany, Griffin, and Lake Park  
13 in order to treat as many patients as possible; he also taught other doctors the techniques of  
14 bariatric medicine, guest-lecturing at all four medical colleges in Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Tom Cooper will long be remembered  
22 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by  
23 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Tom Cooper and  
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Tom  
29 Cooper.