

House Resolution 1437

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Michael "Mike" Banks; 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. William Michael "Mike" Banks on January 6, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Banks was born in 1946, in Gainesville, Georgia, a beloved son of
6 Charlotte and Bill Banks; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gainesville High School, Mr. Banks earned an associate's degree
8 from Truett-McConnell College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia,
9 where he was a member of Di Gamma Kappa Broadcast Society; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Banks began his career as a disc jockey at WGGA radio station and later
11 went on to work in fund raising for Brenau College, in marketing at the First National Bank
12 of Gainesville, and in development at the Mike Cottrell College of Business at the University
13 of North Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Banks was a lifelong member of First
15 Baptist Church, Gainesville, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 26, sang
16 bass in the choir, was instrumental in the establishment of the radio ministry, and was a
17 member of the Anglers Sunday school class; and

18 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental as president of the Gainesville-Hall Chamber
19 of Commerce, founder and member of Executive Committee of John Jarard Foundation,
20 founding board member of North Georgia Community Foundation, chairperson of the
21 Greater Hall County Chamber of Commerce Family Relations Program, and president of the
22 Gainesville Kiwanis Club; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Banks was united in love and marriage for 42 wonderful years to Willia
24 Elizabeth Buquet Banks, and was blessed with the support of his children, Joy Banks and
25 Kirsten and Bob Banks; and his grandchildren, Ansley and Max; and

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

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Banks will long be remembered for his
30 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend
31 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Michael
34 "Mike" Banks and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. William
37 Michael "Mike" Banks.