

House Resolution 1440

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. Carl Lawson; 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 Mr. Carl Lawson on August 8, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was born on December 3, 1917, in Gainesville, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of Normous and Minnie Green Lawson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans in the
8 Pacific, Japan, and Korea, rising to the rank of Captain; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gainesville High School, Mr. Lawson attended the school of
10 Radio and Electricity in Los Angeles, Owen Osborne, and the University of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was a community leader, serving as president and chairman of the
12 Northeast Georgia hospital board, president of the Georgia Association of Independent
13 Insurance Agents, chairman of the board of stewards at St. Paul UMC Church, president of
14 the Chattahoochee Country Club, and Hall County's manager of Dwight Eisenhower's
15 presidential campaign; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades including Young Man
17 of the Year from the Jaycees and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America;
18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was united in love and marriage for 61 wonderful years to Virginia
20 Ryals Lawson, and was blessed with his remarkable children, Lisa and Donnie Whigham,
21 Nancy Lawson, and Mary Lawson, and two precious grandsons, Matthew and Mark
22 Whigham; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Lawson will long be remembered for
27 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will
28 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

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

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Carl
34 Lawson.