

## House Resolution 1433

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Joseph Douglas "Buddy" Ralston; 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. Joseph Douglas "Buddy" Ralston on May 9, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralston was born on June 12, 1942, in Hall County, Georgia, a beloved son  
6 of the late Joseph Brown Ralston and Eula Hulsey Ralston; and

7 WHEREAS, he owned and operated Buddy Ralston Automotive which was later known as  
8 Mr. Muffler; and

9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Ralston was an active member of First  
10 Baptist Church of Gainesville and the Anglers Sunday school class; and

11 WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Mr. Ralston enjoyed coaching youth sports for Gainesville Parks  
12 and Recreation and Gainesville Touchdown Club and traveling the roads of North Georgia  
13 to visit friends and find collectibles; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralston was united in love and marriage for 51 wonderful years to Elaine  
15 Mathews Ralston, and was blessed with the support of his children, Mitch and Lisa Ralston,  
16 Michele and Jason Griffith, Melanie and Mike Davenport, and Matthew and Leah Ralston,  
17 and his grandchildren, Reeves, Spencer, Anna, Brigham, Ryan, Sims, Banks, Isabel, and  
18 Harper; and

19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
21 family and friends were admired by others; 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, Mr. Ralston will long be remembered for  
26 his love of Nascar and the Atlanta Braves, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather,  
27 brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the 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 Mr. Joseph Douglas  
30 "Buddy" Ralston and 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 Mr. Joseph  
33 Douglas "Buddy" Ralston.