

## House Resolution 1496

By: Representatives Harbin of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, Fleming of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Kidd of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Sims of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, and Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing James "Jimmy" Luther Lester; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, James "Jimmy" Luther Lester has exemplified the concept of public service for  
3 more than 50 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after graduating from the Academy of Richmond in 1949, he attended the  
5 Citadel Military College in Charleston, South Carolina, and went on to serve as a Second  
6 Lieutenant in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict until 1954; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after the war, Jimmy Lester obtained his law degree in 1957 from the University  
8 of Georgia and returned to his home in Augusta to practice law with his father, William M.  
9 Lester; and
- 10 WHEREAS, from 1971-1984, he served the people of Augusta as their representative in the  
11 Georgia State Senate as the chairman of the Banking and Finance Committee and the Mental  
12 Health Committee; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Mental Health Committee, Jimmy Lester provided much  
14 needed attention and funding to the plight of the mentally ill; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after serving with the Georgia State Senate, he continued his public service by  
16 being nominated for and joining the Georgia Department of Transportation Board where he  
17 served for 15 years; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Jimmy Lester was instrumental in receiving funding for various Department of  
19 Transportation projects, including the construction of the Riverwatch Parkway, the I-520  
20 extension into South Carolina, the expansion of Mike Padgett Highway, and the  
21 reconstruction of the I-520 and I-20 interchanges; and

22 WHEREAS, his support for these projects has led to increased economic prosperity for many  
23 citizens of Augusta.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend and recognize James "Jimmy" Luther Lester for his  
26 service to this country and state and the citizens of Richmond County.

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 James "Jimmy" Luther  
29 Lester.