

House Resolution 1539

By: Representative Morris of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William F. "Bill" Ledford; 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 William F. "Bill" Ledford on December 12, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
5 States Army with the 656th Tank Destroyers, valiantly and courageously protecting his
6 fellow Americans during the World War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Toombs County native was the editor and publisher of *The Advance*
8 newspaper, and in June 2013 was acknowledged by the Georgia Press Association as a GPA
9 Golden Club Member for having worked in the newspaper industry for 77 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Bill was a former member of the Vidalia Kiwanis Club and spoke proudly of
11 being a "HODAR," husband of a Daughter of the American Revolution; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Rose Ledford, and was blessed with two
13 remarkable children, William F. Ledford, Jr., and Hanna Ledford, three wonderful
14 grandchildren, Brittany Ledford, Will Ledford, and Jesse Ledford, and two extraordinary
15 great-granddaughters, Paisley Rose and Kendall Ledford; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Bill gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
18 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
21 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William F. "Bill" Ledford
27 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William F.
30 "Bill" Ledford.