

House Resolution 1732

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. David "Big Daddy" Jackson Coker, Jr.; 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. David "Big Daddy" Jackson Coker, Jr., on January 16, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Coker was born on August 20, 1930, in Gainesville, Georgia, a beloved son
6 of the late David Jackson Coker, Sr., and Oma Smith Coker; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Airline High School, Mr. Coker served as a guardian of this
8 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces, valiantly and
9 courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean War, where he received the
10 Combat Infantry Badge, Korean SVC Medal with Bronze Service Star, and the United
11 Nations Service Medal; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Coker was a charter member of his local Korean War Veterans Association,
13 a retired captain from the Gainesville Fire Department, and was the original owner and
14 operator of "The Coffee Shop" in Lawrence Pharmacy for 25 years; and

15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Coker was an active member of Lakewood
16 Baptist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Coker was united in love and marriage to Barbara Peck Coker for 62
18 wonderful years and was blessed with the support of his children, Judy and Darwin Allison
19 and David Jackson III and Mamie Coker; grandchildren, Jack Darwin "Trey" Allison III,
20 Sarah Allison and Jason Nelms, A.J. Allison, Catie Coker and Tyler Smiley, Caroline Coker
21 and Ryan Vincent, and David Jackson Coker IV; and great-grandchildren, Jack Darwin
22 Allison IV and Andrew James Smiley; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Coker will long be remembered for his
27 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be
28 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. David "Big Daddy"
31 Jackson Coker, Jr., and 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. David
34 "Big Daddy" Jackson Coker, Jr.