

House Resolution 1810

By: Representative Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James H. "Jimmy" Morgan; 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 James H. "Jimmy" Morgan on March 8, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jimmy Morgan was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated from the  
5 Georgia Institute of Technology in 1934 with a degree in architecture; and
- 6 WHEREAS, upon moving to Swainsboro, Georgia, in 1938, Mr. Morgan became the owner  
7 and president of Franklin-Overstreet & Company, Inc., a successful Ford-Lincoln-Mercury  
8 dealership; by the time he had sold the dealership in 1970, he had served as president of the  
9 Georgia Automobile Dealers Association and had won *Time* magazine's Dealer of the Year  
10 Award; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he also served as chairman of the board of the Citizens Bank, was first chairman  
12 of the Swainsboro Housing Authority, chairman of the Swainsboro Planning Division,  
13 chairman of the Emanuel County Hospital, and was co-founder of the Swainsboro Country  
14 Club and of the Emanuel Arts Council; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan served on the Georgia Council for the Arts, having been appointed  
16 by Governor Jimmy Carter, and helped develop the Swainsboro Airport, flying the first  
17 airplane from the airport; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a partner with Bill Rogers in the operation of the Swainsboro  
19 *Forest-Blade*, for which he wrote a weekly column for almost 20 years; and
- 20 WHEREAS, since the founding of the Mill Creek Foundation in 1986, Mr. Morgan was its  
21 executive director; and

22 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
23 States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during  
24 World War II, before retiring with the rank of captain; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was united in love and marriage to his first wife, the late Gaynelle  
26 Franklin, and later married Jean Anderson Morgan; he was blessed with three remarkable  
27 children, John, James, and Gaynelle, 14 wonderful grandchildren, and 19 outstanding  
28 great-grandchildren; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of James H. "Jimmy" Morgan  
34 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of James H.  
37 "Jimmy" Morgan.