

House Resolution 1910

By: Representative Holcomb of the 81st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Michael "Mike" Edward Zaldo; 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 Michael "Mike" Edward Zaldo on February 18, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mike Zaldo was born on August 26, 1966, at West Point, New York, the
5 beloved son of Colonel William T. Zaldo III and Ellen Zaldo and, as the middle child, was
6 known as "the frosting in the Oreo, which is the best part of the cookie after all"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 1984 where he was an
8 exceptional soccer and tennis player, and attended Kansas State University, graduating in
9 1990 with a bachelor's degree in architecture; and
- 10 WHEREAS, though he worked in architecture for a short time, Mike always saw things
11 through the "eye of an architect," knowing exactly what little change to a building could
12 make the most important difference or how to appreciate subtle beauty in things others took
13 for granted; he used his knowledge of architecture and natural leadership style to work in the
14 field of concrete construction for more than 20 years; and
- 15 WHEREAS, from 1993 through 1997, while working for the Virginia Ready Mix Concrete
16 Association full time, Mike also volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician and ran
17 rescue for the Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mike met his wife, Tracy, in June, 1996, and the two were engaged within six
19 months and married in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 12, 1997; throughout their 17 years of
20 marriage, Mike and Tracy lived in both Suwanee and Sugar Hill, Georgia, and were blessed
21 with a daughter, Mary Grace, and a son, Sam, and Mike's beloved dog, Jack; and

22 WHEREAS, despite his rigorous professional travel schedule, Mike made every effort to
23 attend extracurricular activities for his kids; whether it was cheering Sam on at baseball
24 games or supporting Mary Grace in her chorus concerts or pageants, he was on the sidelines
25 offering support; and

26 WHEREAS, during college, Mike was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and throughout his
27 life worked diligently with his family and friends to raise money and awareness for the
28 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; and

29 WHEREAS, he became very involved with Camp Kudzu, a camp for children with Type 1
30 Diabetes, volunteering as a camp counselor, medical technician, and eventually as head staff
31 support person; and

32 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mike was an active member of St. Benedicts
33 Catholic Church; and

34 WHEREAS, Mike is survived and dearly missed by other members of this family, including:
35 his parents, Colonel William T. Zaldo III and Ellen Mary Ragan Zaldo; his sisters, Jacqueline
36 Zaldo Hampton and Ragan Zaldo Cheney; his parents-in-law, Hardy and Donna Johnson; his
37 brothers-in-law, Nathan "Eric" Hampton, Dr. Fred Cheney, and Marcus Johnson; his
38 sister-in-law, Julie Johnson; his nephews, Nathan "Nate" Joel Hampton, Davis William
39 Cheney, and Jacob Kyle Johnson; and his nieces, Madison Johnson and Annika Caroline
40 Cheney; and

41 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
42 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
43 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
51 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Michael "Mike" Edward
52 Zaldo and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
54 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Michael
55 "Mike" Edward Zaldo.