

House Resolution 1912

By: Representative Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William Burton Kemp, Sr.; 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 Burton Kemp, Sr., on December 30, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp was born on December 7, 1928, a beloved son of the late Crawley  
5 Monroe Kemp and Corinne Moats Kemp; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a 1947 graduate of Sylvania High School, he loved to reminisce with  
7 contemporaries about football life under legendary Coach Jack Lyons; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a devout fan of all Gamecock athletics, Mr. Kemp forever regretted that his  
9 1946 Gamecocks were voted out of a chance to play in the First District Championship; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he enrolled in Middle Georgia College and stayed a year and a half before  
11 enlisting in the United States Army and going through basic training at Fort Jackson, South  
12 Carolina, where he was also stationed as a member of the Military Police; and
- 13 WHEREAS, after receiving his honorary discharge from the Army as a Second Lieutenant,  
14 Mr. Kemp returned to Middle Georgia College, receiving an associate's degree in business,  
15 and later completed a business degree with a minor in military science at North Georgia  
16 College; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he then became a trooper with the Georgia State Patrol for five years before  
18 going home to manage Kemp's Grocery after the death of his father; and
- 19 WHEREAS, during his 60 years in the grocery business, a tenure that began with working  
20 with his father, Mr. Kemp took part in every facet of running a store, continuing work at  
21 Moats' Grocery; and

22 WHEREAS, he also devoted nearly 40 years of service to the City of Sylvania, not only as  
23 a volunteer fireman, but also as a member of the City Council, including multiple terms as  
24 Mayor Pro Tempore; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp was united in love and marriage to Emma Frances Smelley and was  
26 blessed with two remarkable children, Mary Jo and William, Jr., and two wonderful  
27 grandchildren, Christie and Stephanie; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William Burton Kemp, Sr.,  
33 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William  
36 Burton Kemp, Sr.