

House Resolution 2009

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup> and Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Thomas Candler Gilliland and expressing regret at his passing; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Thomas Candler Gilliland, late of Blairsville, is received  
4 with deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 65 years rendered his name dear  
6 to the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow citizens alike; and

7 WHEREAS, he was born in Atlanta in 1948, graduated from Westminster Schools in 1966,  
8 and thereafter attended the University of Georgia, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa  
9 and a Rhodes Scholar nominee and earned his bachelor's degree in history, with honors, in  
10 1970. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Emory University in 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilliland practiced law in Atlanta for 20 years and was closely involved in  
12 public affairs throughout his life. He served as chief of staff to Lieutenant Governor Pierre  
13 Howard and as a close advisor to many other officials, helping to shape and enact important  
14 legislation such as Georgia's first ethics bill, a measure to establish much needed medical  
15 clinics in remote sections of rural Georgia, and HOPE scholarship constitutional  
16 amendments; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a leader and officer of numerous worthy and influential civic,  
18 philanthropic, and fraternal organizations, and in addition he served as chairman of the Stone  
19 Mountain Authority and as the first Georgian on the board of directors of the federal  
20 Tennessee Valley Authority; and

21 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Candy; sons, Thomas Candler Gilliland, Jr.,  
22 and Jason Wansley Gilliland; his aunt, Blanche Candler; and numerous nieces, nephews, and  
23 in-laws; and

24 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his death we  
25 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family, friends, and fellow citizens.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body honor the memory of Thomas Candler Gilliland and express their  
28 regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Thomas  
31 Candler Gilliland.