

House Resolution 100

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Ralston of the 7th, Epps of the 144th, Pruett of the 149th, O`Neal of the 146th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Jim Hammock, affectionately known as "Widetrack"; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Jim Hammock, a man of many accomplishments in both the public and
5 private sectors; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Hammock was born in Perry, Georgia, a beloved son of F. L. "Felix"
7 Hammock and Rebecca Smith Hammock; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
10 Korean War; and

11 WHEREAS, he attended Northwestern State University in Louisiana and Mercer University
12 in Macon, Georgia, before beginning his career with Delta Tank Manufacturing and General
13 Gas in Macon; and

14 WHEREAS, he served as the Southeast Operation Manager for Amoco Oil in Baton Rouge,
15 Louisiana, before returning to Georgia and founding Jim Hammock Pontiac-Buick and
16 several restaurants in Dublin, Georgia, and surrounding areas; and

17 WHEREAS, Jim Hammock began his political career with the election of Sam Nunn to the
18 United States Senate in 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, he was appointed to state boards by three governors, including the Georgia
20 Department of Human Resources, to which he was appointed by George Busbee; the
21 Industry, Trade, and Tourism Board, to which he was appointed by Zell Miller; and the
22 Economic Development Board, to which he was appointed by Sonny Perdue; and

23 WHEREAS, he served as Vice Chair of the Human Resources Board and Chair of the Cost
24 Effectiveness Committee, where he proposed and helped pass the provision that all Medicaid
25 recipients receive generic drugs unless otherwise specified by a physician, which saved this
26 state billions of dollars in Medicaid related health costs and preserved the program for
27 current and future recipients; and

28 WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Georgia Public Service Commission, was reelected to
29 that post in 1980 and again in 1986, and during his tenure he served as Vice Chair of the
30 Commission; and

31 WHEREAS, Jim Hammock formed a governmental affairs, consulting, and multilingual
32 firm, Omni Resource Group, Inc., which represented firms such as Motorola, Sun Trust
33 Banks, Anheuser-Busch, Corrections Corporation of America, UPS, Bell South, AT&T,
34 Coca Cola, NutriSweet, Scientific Games, and others; and

35 WHEREAS, he led efforts to place private prisons in McRae, Lumpkin, Millen, Douglas, and
36 Alamo, which created jobs for hundreds of local citizens; and

37 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Jim Hammock was an active member of First
38 United Methodist Church of Dublin; and

39 WHEREAS, he was involved in the Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, the
40 Dublin-Laurens Development Authority, and the Dublin Rotary Club; and

41 WHEREAS, Jim Hammock was united in love and marriage to Ramona Johnson Hammock
42 and was blessed with three remarkable daughters, Angie Hammock Tracey, Diane Hammock
43 Norris, and Susan Hammock Williams, and two wonderful grandchildren, Parker Williams
44 and Chandler Williams; and

45 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Jim Hammock will long be remembered
46 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, public servant, and
47 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
49 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Jim Hammock and express
50 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
52 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
53 family of Jim Hammock.