

## House Resolution 151

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Coe Hamling; 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 Coe Hamling on October 29, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Coe was a civic leader who cared deeply for his mountain home and was
- 5 instrumental in the Lake Blue Ridge Civic Association, bringing the Blue Ridge Scenic
- 6 Railway to Blue Ridge, and the "Gateway to the Beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains"
- 7 beautification effort; and
- 8 WHEREAS as a result of a 1996 meeting between Coe and Blue Ridge Scenic Railway
- 9 President Wilds Pierce, 30 or more volunteers were recruited and worked for more than a
- 10 year to clear the tracks from Ellijay to Blue Ridge, enabling a locomotive to pass into Blue
- 11 Ridge from the south for the first time in more than 20 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, to draw attention to the low water level in Blue Ridge Lake, he organized the
- 13 "Mud Bowl" which drew 20 teams that gathered at Morganton Point and built sculptures in
- 14 the mud along the lake shore; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was named an honorary member of the Fannin County Chamber of
- 16 Commerce to recognize his contributions to the community; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
- 18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
- 19 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
- 21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
- 22 made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Coe will long be remembered for his love  
24 of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
25 him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Coe Hamling and express  
28 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 family of Coe Hamling.