

House Resolution 152

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, and Dunahoo of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Thomas Ervin "Tommy" Valentine; 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 Thomas Ervin "Tommy" Valentine on July 12, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Tommy was born on October 21, 1949, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 Dr. Herbert Edward Valentine, Jr., and Bonnelle Lawson Valentine; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was one of the great athletes in Gainesville High School history, earning nine
7 varsity letters as an All-State quarterback, point guard, and golf; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he played golf at the University of Georgia, eventually winning the SEC
9 Championship and being named First Team All-American (1970-1971); and
- 10 WHEREAS, he played in the PGA tour for ten years, achieved the top 40 earning status, and
11 was named Head Pro at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Point Woods, Michigan, from which
12 he retired in 2009; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his greatest legacy will be his passion for teaching golf and all of life's
14 important lessons, and his remarkable gift for bringing our world closer together; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Thomas Ervin "Tommy"
26 Valentine and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Thomas Ervin "Tommy" Valentine.