

House Resolution 145

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William Berry Broach, Jr.; 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 Berry Broach, Jr., on September 2, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Berry was born on January 10, 1937, in Rome, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 William Berry Broach and Mary Louise Culpepper Broach; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Berry was an active member of First Baptist
9 Church McCaysville, Georgia, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and a
10 Sunday School teacher and was a member of the Gideons; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Berry was a founding member of the Blue Ridge Club and was serving as
12 president at the time of his death; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was an active member of the Ellijay Lions Club, serving as a president of
14 that club, and he served countless hours in the kitchen during the Apple Festival, raised funds
15 for the white cane project, and worked to establish new clubs throughout the state; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was elected as District Governor for Georgia Lion District 18-A and to the
17 Lions Hall of Fame, District 18 A, served as a delegate to two International Conventions, and
18 was a member of the foundation for the Lion's Camp for the Blind; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Berry was united in love and marriage to Kathryn Hunt Dillard Broach and was
20 blessed with five remarkable children, Thomas, Lynn, Gail, Karla, and Julie; 17 wonderful
21 grandchildren, Thomas, Taleigh, Harry, Max, Belle, Philip, Evelyn, Jonathan, Michael,

22 Lindsey, Rachel, Ralph, Melissa, Jessica, Drew, Victoria, and Jackson; and eight delightful
23 great-grandchildren, Madison, Harris, Hudson, Kathryn, Shannon, Kalyn, Mahlon, and Stella
24 Kate; and

25 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
26 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
27 family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
29 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
30 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William Berry Broach, Jr.,
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of William Berry Broach, Jr.