

House Resolution 169

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jim West; 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 Jim West on May 10, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jim was born on January 20, 1932, in Carroll County, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of Inez Barr West and Homer Cleveland West; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Air Force as an Airman First Class, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
8 Americans; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate from the University of West Georgia, Jim always loved automobiles
10 and followed that passion in the finance business working for GMAC in Marietta, Georgia;
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was employed at the Citizens Bank in Gainesville and retired from his
13 banking career at Georgia First Bank with more than 40 years as an executive banker; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a long-time member of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce
15 Economic Development Council, served on the Gainesville City Council from 1989 to 2000,
16 and was elected Mayor of Gainesville in 1997; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in his retirement, Jim enjoyed his work at Stephens Auto Sales and the
18 Chattahoochee Golf Club; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Jim was an active member of Lakewood
20 Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, Jim was united in love and marriage to Carol Anne Lawler West and was
22 blessed with two remarkable children, Thomas Cleveland West and Timothy Victor West,
23 and three wonderful grandchildren, Turner Watkins West, Thomas Lawler West, and Hope
24 McKemie West Mann; 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, a compassionate and generous man, Jim West will long be remembered for his
29 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
30 him.

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

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Jim West.