

House Resolution 146

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Barr of the 103rd, and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Phillip E. Jackson; 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 Mr. Phillip E. Jackson on October 13, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was born on November 22, 1929, in Washington, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of Lucius C. Jackson and Gladys Combs Jackson; 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 during the Korean
8 Conflict; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a successful journalist, he began his writing career while at Gainesville High
10 School and became a cub reporter for *The Daily Times* in 1947, and at 18 years of age he
11 became the sports editor, and was believed to be the youngest daily newspaper sports editor
12 in the nation; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1950, Phillip Jackson left *The Daily Times* to begin studying at the University
14 of Georgia until 1954, at which point he returned to *The Daily Times* as sports editor until
15 his retirement in 1992; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his passion for sports was also evident in his radio broadcast career, which he
17 began in 1957 and continued until 1988; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Phillip Jackson was honored by Gainesville High School in 2013 with the
19 designation of the Phil Jackson Broadcast Booth at Bobby Gruhn Field; and

20 WHEREAS, he won many honors through the National Newspaper Association and *The*
21 *Associated Press*; he served as a Heisman Trophy Voter for many years; and the city of
22 Gainesville twice honored him by proclaiming "Phil Jackson Day"; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Barbara Jones Jackson, and was blessed
24 with three remarkable children, Sandy Heath, Stacie McCune, and Susan Jackson-Cole, and
25 five wonderful grandchildren, Camryn, Sara, Charli, Chad, and Justin; and

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

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Phillip E. Jackson will long be
33 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend
34 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Phillip E. Jackson and
37 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 family of Mr. Phillip E. Jackson.