

House Resolution 214

By: Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Caldwell of the 131st, Coomer of the 14th, Willard of the 51st, Meadows of the 5th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Colonel Keith Herbert Hodges, United States Army retiree; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Colonel Keith Herbert Hodges, a highly qualified expert on criminal trial
3 practice and trial advocacy, was the senior legal advisor to over 300 members of the United
4 States Army Trial Defense Service and directly assisted counsel on individual cases through
5 advice and suggested tactics; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Hodges was detailed to the United States Military Commissions sitting
7 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as the Assistant to the Presiding Officers and Commissions Trial
8 Clerk from 2004 to 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Hodges served as a military judge for the United States Army and
10 editor of the Military Judges Benchbook containing jury instructions used by all the military
11 services; and

12 WHEREAS, he also served as a Staff Judge Advocate for the Second Infantry Division in
13 Korea, where he was responsible for providing commanders, employees, soldiers, and
14 families with a complete range of legal advice and services; and

15 WHEREAS, he supervised 18 defense counsel and 19 support personnel at 13 locations
16 throughout Germany, Holland, Turkey, and Italy who represented soldiers before criminal
17 courts and in administrative hearings from July 1988 through June 1990, where he was
18 responsible for all training of all counsel in all three TDS regions in Europe; and

19 WHEREAS, he served as the senior and supervisory attorney of a staff of three other
20 attorneys and 12 support staff, delivering legal services to the geographically largest military
21 community in Germany, including criminal prosecution, advising law enforcement, ethics,
22 contracting business initiatives for the organization, legal assistance, claims against the

23 United States, international law, equal opportunity, labor law, and administrative law advice
24 to the command; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Hodges graduated from Seoul American High School in Seoul, Korea,
26 in 1967, received his B.A. of Business and Economics in 1971 from Furman University in
27 Greenville, South Carolina, and earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1979 from the University
28 of South Carolina, in the top 30 percent of his class on a full, competitively awarded,
29 scholarship; and

30 WHEREAS, he was also a graduate of various military and legal courses, including Judge
31 Advocate General's Basic (1979) and Advanced Courses (1983), Staff Judge Advocates
32 Course (1990), Military Judges Course (1991), and the Command and General Staff College
33 (1987); and

34 WHEREAS, after retiring from the United States Army, Colonel Hodges provided
35 outstanding service as an instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located
36 in Brunswick, Georgia; and

37 WHEREAS, he is a member in good standing in the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United
38 States, the State of South Carolina, Army Court of Military Review (now, Army Court of
39 Criminal Appeals), and the Court of Military Appeals (now, Court of Appeals for the Armed
40 Forces); and

41 WHEREAS, in 2014, Colonel Hodges provided outstanding assistance in the updating and
42 rewriting of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for the State of Georgia.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body honor Colonel Keith Herbert Hodges, United States Army retiree,
45 for his many years of service to the United States and the State of Georgia.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
48 Colonel Keith Herbert Hodges.