

House Resolution 272

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Kelley of the 16th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Parrish of the 158th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William F. (Bill) Cummings; 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 F. (Bill) Cummings on October 4, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bill was born on March 1, 1929, in Chester, South Carolina, a beloved son of
5 David and Cloreathe Cummings; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Bill, affectionately known as "Goat", was a 1947 graduate of Rockmart High
7 School and a man of deep and abiding faith who was an active member and former elder of
8 Rockmart Church of Christ; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Bill received a junior college degree from West Georgia College, a bachelor's
10 degree from Atlanta Christian College, a bachelor's degree from Oglethorpe University, and
11 a master's degree from West Georgia College; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
13 States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Bill retired from the Polk School District after working as an educator for 30
15 years and was active in educator organizations, serving in leadership positions at the local,
16 state, and national levels, and twice served as President of the Georgia Association of
17 Educators; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a tireless supporter of West Georgia College, serving on the University
19 of West Georgia Board of Trustees from 1982 to 1994; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Bill served 26 years as a State Representative in the Georgia House of
21 Representatives, representing Polk County and parts of Bartow and Floyd counties, where

22 he served as Chair of the Retirement Committee and was a member of the Appropriations
23 Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and Interstate Cooperation Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, Bill was united in love and marriage to Jenna Lee Wilson Cummings, and was
25 blessed with three remarkable children, David, Julie, and Tommy; six wonderful
26 grandchildren, Benji, Jenna, Thomas, Abby, April, and Kerri; and five great-grandchildren;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bill will long be remembered for his love
29 of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, and friend will be missed
30 by all who had the great fortune of knowing 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 William F. (Bill)
33 Cummings and express their 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 William F. (Bill) Cummings.