

House Resolution 319

By: Representatives Carson of the 46th, Parsons of the 44th, Pruett of the 149th, and Dollar of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the lives and memory of Elrey "Bud" and June Runion; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of two of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Elrey "Bud" and June Runion on January 26, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Elrey "Bud" Runion was born in 1945 and raised in a large family of ten
5 children; 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 for almost three
8 years, retiring as a Sergeant E5 and afterwards faithfully served with Southern Bell for 38
9 years as a technician and manager; and
- 10 WHEREAS, June McCord was born in 1948 and completed both an undergraduate and
11 masters level education in three years at Tift College and University of West Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she taught elementary education for 20 years and preschool education at
13 Johnson Ferry Baptist Church for almost 17 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Bud Runion and June Runion were united in love and marriage in 1978, and
15 were blessed with two remarkable daughters, Virginia and Brittany, and a beloved daughter
16 from Bud's first marriage, Stephanie; and
- 17 WHEREAS, motivated by a deep need to help others, Bud and June established "Forever
18 Grateful Ministries" in 2004 which traveled to impoverished Appalachian areas up to three
19 times a year distributing food, clothes, and other necessities and partnered with Mount Paran
20 North Church of God, MUST Ministries, and House of Hope of Freehome, Georgia, to
21 distribute to the local community approximately 300 bicycles, two weeks supply of food for

22 300 families, 200 backpacks full of school supplies, and 100 lady's cosmetic bags each year
23 in addition to other miscellaneous items such as furniture, appliances, and clothing; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous couple, Bud and June will long be remembered
28 for their love of family and friendship, and will be missed by all who had the great fortune
29 of knowing them.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
31 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the lives and memory of Elrey
32 "Bud" and June Runion and express their deepest and most sincere regret at their passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 family of Elrey "Bud" and June Runion.