

House Resolution 470

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Quick of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Virgil Emerson Adams; 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 Virgil Emerson Adams on January 28, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
5 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
6 II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Adams enrolled at Murray State College in Kentucky, where
8 he earned his Bachelor's degree in 1949; he later enrolled at the University of Georgia, where
9 he earned his graduate degree in journalism; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Adams became the personnel manager at Jefferson Mills; he also agreed
11 to serve as editor of *The Jackson County Herald* for two weeks until the new owners could
12 find an editor; he became part owner of the *Herald* for his efforts; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1962, Mr. Adams and a friend purchased *The Hartwell Sun* but decided to
14 sell his portion six months later, and he returned to the University of Georgia, where he
15 worked until his retirement in 1982; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Mary, and was blessed with four
17 remarkable children, Neal, Claire, Shannon, and Miles; in 1998, Mr. Adams married Shirley,
18 and they lived together in Athens, Georgia; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Virgil Emerson Adams will long be
20 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend
21 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Virgil Emerson Adams and
24 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 family of Virgil Emerson Adams.