

House Resolution 493

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st and Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Amos Louie Kight; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Amos Louis Kight was born on August 15, 1930, in Emanuel County, a
3 beloved son of Amos Gordon Kight and Minnie Tyson Kight and a sibling to J. Hilton Kight,
4 Joe O. Kight, C. Murray Kight, Ruby Kight DeLoach, and Iris Kight Sikes; and

5 WHEREAS, he lived most of his childhood on a farm in Bulloch County prior to moving to
6 Effingham County at the age of 14; and

7 WHEREAS, he attended elementary school in Register, Georgia, and high school at
8 Effingham Academy where he participated in various sports; and

9 WHEREAS, at approximately the age of 11, he told his younger brother Murray that he was
10 going to be a Georgia State Trooper and work for the Georgia State Patrol when he became
11 an adult, which was a dream he never relinquished; and

12 WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school in 1948, in order to fulfill the military draft
13 requirements in effect at the time, Mr. Kight enlisted in the army to serve on active duty for
14 one year and then five years in the reserves so that he could attend Trooper School after he
15 reached the minimum age of 21 without fear of being interrupted by the draft; and

16 WHEREAS, shortly after completing his one year of active service in the army in 1950, the
17 Korean War began and Mr. Kight's reserve unit was called to active duty, and within a
18 month, the unit landed in Korea; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Kight served in Korea from October 1950 until January 21, 1951, when he
20 was killed in action crossing an open field and exposing himself to possible hostile fire prior
21 to requiring the men in his squad to transit the area; and

22 WHEREAS, he was buried in the Springfield city cemetery with full military honors and
23 now peacefully rests alongside his parents; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Kight's brother Murray has reminisced many times that, at the time of his
25 death, Amos was only seven months shy of his 21st birthday and his lifelong dream of
26 becoming a Georgia State Trooper; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the service, dedication, and sacrifice of
28 this remarkable young man be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life, service, sacrifice, and memory of Mr.
31 Amos Louie Kight and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Mr. Amos Louie Kight.