

House Resolution 633

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Don Keough; 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 Don Keough on February 24, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Don Keough, former President, Chief Operating Officer, and Director of The
5 Coca-Cola Company, was a truly great leader in the areas of business, philanthropy, and
6 education; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he joined Butter-Nut Coffee in 1950, a company that was acquired by The
8 Coca-Cola Company in 1960; he retired from Coca-Cola in 1993 and returned as a director
9 in 2004, in which position he served until 2014, when he became an advisor to the Board;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was an exceptional and inspirational builder of organizations and
12 relationships, and he possessed unmatched operating skills and vision that strengthened and
13 expanded The Coca-Cola Company and helped make Coca-Cola an international brand; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Don Keough served as chairman of Allen & Company since 1993 and was a
15 member of many other boards, including Coca-Cola Enterprises, Colombia Pictures,
16 InterActiveCorp, Yankee Global Enterprises, LLC, Berkshire Hathaway, McDonald's
17 Corporation, *The Washington Post* Company, H. J. Heinz Company, and Home Depot; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees and a Life Trustee of the
19 University of Notre Dame as well as a trustee of several other educational, charitable, and
20 civic organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
23 family and friends were admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
26 made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Don Keough will long be remembered for
28 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal leader and friend will be missed by all who
29 had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Don Keough and express
32 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 family of Don Keough.