

House Resolution 763

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, and Dunahoo of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Deke Richards; 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 Deke Richards on February 27, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Deke was born on October 9, 1943, in Augusta, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 James Dewey and Mary Pierce Richards; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Gainesville High School, where he was a member of the
7 football team and various other campus organizations, and earned a degree in psychology and
8 sociology from Piedmont College; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia
10 National Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
11 Vietnam War; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Deke served as a social worker in the City of Gainesville for more than 37
13 years, volunteered with the Olympics, and coached Lyman Hall School's first football team;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Deke was an active member of the First Baptist
16 Church on Green Street; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Deke was united in love and marriage to Marie and was blessed with three
18 remarkable children, Michelle, Deidre, and Suzanne, and five wonderful grandchildren,
19 Terry, Parker, Griffin, Brecket, and Jack; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deke Richards will long be remembered
27 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
28 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Deke Richards and express
31 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Deke Richards.