

House Resolution 876

By: Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Abrams of the 89th, and Epps of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Hugh McMaster Tarbutton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one its most distinguished citizens with
3 the passing of Hugh McMaster Tarbutton on January 7, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hugh McMaster Tarbutton was a native of Sandersville, Georgia, who
5 graduated from Sandersville High School in 1950, and attended Oxford College before
6 receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration from Emory University School of
7 Business in 1955; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Hugh McMaster Tarbutton was a member and served as President of the Phi
9 Delta Theta fraternity; he was a dedicated alumnus of Emory University who served as a life
10 member of the Emory at Oxford advisory board and was instrumental in the funding of the
11 Oxford Center of Performing Arts, which bears his name; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he received the Goizueta School of Business Medal of Honor and in 2008 he
13 received the Emory Medal, the highest alumni honor bestowed by Emory University; he also
14 served on the board of Young Harris College for 30 years; and
- 15 WHEREAS, for over 60 years, he was employed by and served as President of the
16 Sandersville Railroad Company; he was co-founder and co-owner of B-H Transfer Company
17 and was active in real estate development and timberland acquisition and management,
18 developing, among other things, Kaolon Plaza Shopping Center, the first shopping center in
19 Washington County; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he served on a number of corporate boards, including Farm Credit, Bibb Mills,
21 Savannah Foods & Industries, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Central of Georgia Railway
22 Company, Citizens & Southern Capital Corporation, Citizens & Southern National Bank,

23 C&S-Sovereign Trust Company, NationsBank of Georgia, and the advisory boards of
24 Southern Railway Company and Norfolk Southern Corporation; and

25 WHEREAS, Hugh McMaster Tarbutton held a lifelong commitment to the growth and
26 development of his community and the State of Georgia, working tirelessly to foster job
27 creation and industrial development in Washington County to expand the tax base and bring
28 better opportunities to its citizens; he was a founding member and original officer of the
29 Sandersville-Washington County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of the
30 Washington County Development Authority, and instrumental in locating Hamburg State
31 Park in Washington County; and

32 WHEREAS, he served twice as Chairman of the Georgia Ports Authority during periods of
33 rapid growth and expansion of the state's ports, being appointed and reappointed by four
34 successive Governors of two different political parties; and

35 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Sandersville United Methodist Church and served his
36 church in many capacities during his lifetime; he was a member of the Sandersville Lions
37 Club, the St. Andrews Society of Savannah, the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati, the
38 Society of Colonial Wars, the Oglethorpe and Chatham Clubs in Savannah, the Piedmont
39 Driving Club, the Commerce Club in Atlanta, and the Highlands Country Club in Highlands,
40 North Carolina; and

41 WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, he was very active until his death and firmly believed that
42 hard work never killed anybody; and

43 WHEREAS, Hugh McMaster Tarbutton was united in love and marriage for 53 years to
44 Loulie Eugenia Kernagham of Macon, Georgia, and was blessed with four remarkable
45 children and eight wonderful grandchildren; and

46 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Tarbutton will long be remembered
47 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
48 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
50 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Hugh McMaster Tarbutton
51 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
53 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
54 family of Hugh McMaster Tarbutton.