

House Resolution 1037

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of N. L. Prather; 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 N. L. Prather on June 8, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, N. L. Prather was born on July 9, 1919, in Tate, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
7 II as Head Pharmacist and First Sergeant of the 96th Evacuation Hospital; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Prather was an active member of First
9 Baptist Church of Blue Ridge and served 23 years as its treasurer; and
- 10 WHEREAS, N. L. Prather was blessed with one remarkable child, Bill, and two wonderful
11 grandchildren, Whitney and Garrett; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a diligent and hard-working man, he was co-owner of Blue Ridge Rexall for 65
13 years and a registered pharmacist for more than 50 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Prather gave back to the city of Blue Ridge, Georgia, serving as mayor and
15 councilmember, board member of Fannin County Bank, and chairman and board member of
16 the Blue Ridge Child Development Center; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of service, he gave his time and finances to ensure that individuals of all
18 ages had great opportunities, exemplified through his involvement with and commitment to
19 the Kiwanis Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, N. L. Prather will long be remembered for
24 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father and friend will be missed by all who
25 had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of N. L. Prather and express
28 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of N. L. Prather.