

House Resolution 1038

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James Paul Fitts, Jr.; 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 James Paul Fitts, Jr., on June 26, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitts was born on January 29, 1923, in Cedartown, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of the late Paul Fitts, Sr., and Grace Eaton Fitts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
8 II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitts gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep
10 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
11 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he owned and operated an insurance company in Blue Ridge and was a member
13 of the Blue Ridge VFW Post Number 6570 and the Blue Ridge Kiwanis Club; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of Blue Ridge United
15 Methodist Church; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Fitts was united in love and marriage to Jean Ralston Fitts and was blessed
17 with two remarkable children, James and Gina; four wonderful grandchildren, Nathan, Julie,
18 Matt, and Macy; and seven great-grandchildren, Courtney, Colin, Carley, Logan, Grant,
19 Ryllie, and John David; 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, Mr. Fitts will long be remembered for his
24 love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman 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 James Paul Fitts, Jr., and
28 express 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Mr. James Paul Fitts, Jr.