

House Resolution 1121

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles Edward Whalen, 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 Mr. Charles Edward Whalen, Jr., on June 21, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Whalen was born on April 9, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois, a beloved son of
5 Doris Atteridge Whalen; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from LaGrange College, with degrees in business and speech, and
7 then joined the family business, the Warren Featherbone Company, an apparel company
8 specializing in infant clothing; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he succeeded his parents as president of the company at the age of 29, and after
10 38 years, transitioned it into the Featherbone Communiversality in 2005, which provides
11 real-time collaborative learning in an intergenerational setting; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Southern Growth Policies Board named Featherbone
13 Communiversality as the Innovator Award Winner from Georgia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Warren Featherbone Foundation, established in 1917, has, in recent years,
15 introduced legislation in both houses of Congress to create Personal Philanthropy Accounts
16 which will enable ordinary Americans to tell their family story through giving; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Whalen was a deacon of the First Baptist
18 Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Whalen was united in love and marriage to Janelle Rollins Whalen and was
20 blessed with two remarkable children, Charles and MaryAnn, and two wonderful
21 grandchildren, Mason and Emery; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Whalen will long be remembered for
29 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, son, and friend will be
30 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles Edward
33 Whalen, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Mr. Charles Edward Whalen, Jr.