

House Resolution 1126

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. Louis Gordon Sawyer; 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. Louis Gordon Sawyer on November 5, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Sawyer was born on July 12, 1926, in Cedar Vale, Kansas, a beloved son
5 of Louis Sawyer and Ruth Gordon Sawyer; 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, active in a number of educational organizations, Mr. Sawyer was a graduate of
10 Georgia Tech, served as trustee of the Tech Alumni Association, was an
11 executive-in-residence in the Tech continuing education department, did graduate work in
12 journalism and business at Emory University, where he was the editor of the *Emory Wheel*,
13 and received the degree of Honorary American Farmer at the national FFA convention in
14 1983; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he authored several books, including *The Agribusiness Poultry Industry: A*
16 *History of Its Development; Gainesville 1900-2000* (a photographic history); *Northeast*
17 *Georgia: A History; James Longstreet – Before Manassas and After Appomattox; Richard*
18 *Kidder WWII Survivor; and Characters, Crazies and the Culture of Northeast Georgia; and*
- 19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Sawyer was an active member of First
20 Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Mrs. Jean Osborn Sawyer and was
22 blessed with three remarkable children, Louis Jr., Edwin, and Robin; 11 wonderful
23 grandchildren; and three amazing great-grandchildren; and

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

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

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Louis Gordon Sawyer
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Mr. Louis Gordon Sawyer.