

House Resolution 1220

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. Bennie Horace Fouts; 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. Bennie Horace Fouts on January 10, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Fouts was born on August 27, 1936, in Gainesville, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of Paul and Vera Mae Williams Fouts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor's of Science in Education in 1960, a Master's Degree in
7 Education in 1967, and a Specialists in Education in 1971 from the University of Georgia;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, selflessly committed to education, Mr. Fouts dedicated 35 years to his roles as
10 a teacher, and later as principal at North Hall High School from 1974-1980 and at Lanier
11 Elementary from 1980-1995; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after retiring from education, Mr. Fouts actively pursued his passion for nature
13 and the outdoors through cattle farming, hiking, traveling, snow skiing, water skiing, and
14 canoeing, and was the first documented barefoot skier on Lake Lanier; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
16 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Berlin
17 Crisis; and
- 18 WHEREAS, highly involved in his community, Mr. Fouts was a member of Hall County
19 Retired Educators Association and the Soil and Water Conservation Association; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of Gainesville First
21 United Methodist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Fouts was united in love and marriage to Marjorie, and was blessed with
23 two remarkable children, Beth and Barclay, and five wonderful grandchildren, Brad, Ben,
24 Baileigh, Jasper, and Jesse; 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. Fouts will long be remembered for his
29 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
30 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. Bennie Horace Fouts
33 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Mr. Bennie Horace Fouts.