

House Resolution 1441

By: Representative Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. James L. "Jimmy" Lester, III; 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. James L. "Jimmy" Lester, III, on February 3, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. James Lester was born on January 28, 1946, in Floyd County, a beloved
5 son of Raymond and Nell Lester; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Rockmart High School in 1964 and the University of
7 Georgia in 1968, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a proud third-generation owner of J. L. Lester & Son Incorporated and
9 served as past president of the Georgia Wholesale Grocery Association; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member and deacon of the
11 First Baptist Church of Rockmart, where he served as chairman of the deacon board, Sunday
12 School Superintendent, and Sunday School class teacher; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Lester was highly involved in his community, as he was a member and past
14 president of the Rockmart Kiwanis Club, a Division Lieutenant Governor for the Georgia
15 Kiwanis Club, a past member of the Rockmart Jaycees, a charter board member and board
16 chairman for the United Bank and Trust, and a board member for the Gainesville Bank and
17 Trust; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was also a former board member of Shorter College, Darlington School's
19 Board of Visitors, Murphy Harpst Home, Boy Scouts of America, and Rockmart
20 Development Authority; a former board member and past chairman of the Northwest Georgia
21 Technical College; and a member and past president of the Rockmart Chamber of
22 Commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lester was united in love and marriage to his wife, Beth, and was blessed
24 with four remarkable children, Luke, Chris, Wendi, and Stephanie; six wonderful
25 grandchildren, Grace, Hattie, Stephen, Seth, Victoria, and Lucas; and one cherished
26 great-grandson, Christopher; and

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Lester will long be remembered for his
31 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather,
32 and friend will be missed 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. James L. "Jimmy"
35 Lester, III 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. James L. "Jimmy" Lester, III.