

House Resolution 1450

By: Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Parrish of the 158th, Houston of the 170th, and Morris of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Judge Walter C. McMillan, 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 Judge Walter C. McMillan, Jr., on January 17, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, he was born in Sandersville, Georgia, a beloved son of Walter and Gladys
5 McMillan; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army in Japan, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
8 Korean Conflict; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge McMillan received his undergraduate degree in business from the
10 University of Georgia, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, attended law
11 school at Woodrow Wilson College of Law, and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia
12 in 1950; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1960, he was elected Solicitor-General for the Middle Circuit and held that
14 position until he was elected to the Superior Court bench in 1966, where he served for 40
15 years and, at his retirement, held the record as the longest-serving Superior Court Judge in
16 Georgia history; and

17 WHEREAS, during his 50 years of public service, Judge McMillan served as president of
18 numerous organizations, including the District Attorneys' Association of Georgia, the
19 Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia, and the Council of Superior Court Judges of
20 Georgia; was a charter member of Georgia's Judicial Council; was the chair of the Georgia
21 Courts Automation Commission, playing a key role in early efforts to bring technology to
22 Georgia's bench and bar association; and was a member of the Hamilton Masonic Lodge #58
23 and the Gridiron Secret Society; and

24 WHEREAS, he was named the 2007 Washington County Citizen of the Year and received
25 the 2005 State Bar of Georgia's Traditions of Excellence Award; and

26 WHEREAS, in 2012, at the age of 83, he started a new law firm, McMillan & Rawlings,
27 LLP, and was actively engaged in representing clients in court; and

28 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Judge McMillan was an active member of
29 Sandersville United Methodist Church; and

30 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 19 years, Paige, and was
31 blessed with three remarkable children, Leigh, Emma, and Sumner, and four wonderful
32 grandchildren, Ashley, Beverly, Joe, and Hart; and

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

36 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
37 of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be
38 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Judge Walter C. McMillan,
41 Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 family of Judge Walter C. McMillan, Jr.