

## House Resolution 1648

By: Representatives Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Strickland of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Knight of the 130<sup>th</sup>, Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>, and Caldwell of the 131<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Albert B. Wallace; 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 Albert B. Wallace on February 29, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace was born on November 4, 1926, a beloved son of Stephen and  
5 Alberta Wallace; and
- 6 WHEREAS, before graduating with honors from Griffin High School in 1944, he was  
7 president of the senior class and a member of the 1942 state championship football team; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as an E-5 enlistee,  
9 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War II; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after the war, he earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University  
11 of Georgia, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and Phi Delta Phi  
12 legal fraternity and was a student editor of the Georgia Bar Journal; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace served as a congressional aide to United States Representative  
14 Sidney Camp before beginning his career as a trial attorney; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his distinguished career included representing the City of Atlanta in its  
16 expansion of the Atlanta Airport in the 1960s, serving as the Clayton County District  
17 Attorney from 1960 to 1968, and saving the accreditation for the Clayton County School  
18 System with the firing of the entire school board in 2008; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace is the recipient of the Georgia State Bar's 2001 Liberty Bell Award  
20 for excellence in Bar leadership, the 2009 Charles S. Pursley Award for his outstanding  
21 contributions in the field of eminent domain, and several other local awards; and

22 WHEREAS, he was an avid golfer, pursuing the ball in the United States, Ireland, and  
23 Scotland, and was a member of the Atlanta Lawyers' Club and Gridiron; and

24 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of First Presbyterian  
25 Church, where he served as Elder and Sunday school teacher and critiqued the weekly hymn  
26 selection; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace was united in love and marriage to his wife, Betsy, and was  
28 blessed with two remarkable children, Julie and Stephen, and three wonderful  
29 granddaughters, Caroline, Hillary, and Merrie.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Albert B. Wallace and  
32 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 family of Albert B. Wallace.