

House Resolution 1670

By: Representatives Jones of the 167th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Spencer of the 180th, Setzler of the 35th, Powell of the 171st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Representative Alex Atwood; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Representative Alex Atwood has honorably and faithfully represented the
3 constituents of House District 179 for six years, previously served as Deputy Magistrate
4 Judge for Glynn County, and currently serves as senior partner at the Atwood-Choate Law
5 Firm on St. Simons Island; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Representative Atwood was an outstanding linebacker for Douglas County
7 High School's football team before earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, a master's
8 degree in international relations, and a Juris Doctorate, summa cum laude, while holding a
9 job and going to law school at night; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served for seven years as a patrol officer and detective with the Atlanta
11 Police Department, where he conducted narcotics and organized crime investigations; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
13 States Marine Corps for more than 35 years, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
14 Americans around the world and retiring as a Colonel in the United States Marine Corps
15 Reserve; and
- 16 WHEREAS, during his service, he was named Honor Man of his platoon and received the
17 Junior Officer of the Year Award; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Representative Atwood has also served law enforcement and criminal
19 investigations positions with the Defense Department, United States Customs Service,
20 Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Homeland Security, Federal Law
21 Enforcement Center, where he led all legal training for approximately 90 separate federal law
22 enforcement partner organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, he is the beloved son of Louise and James Alexander Atwood, Sr., and is united
24 in love and marriage to his wife, Cynthia, and blessed with three remarkable children, James
25 III, Melonie, and Cameron, and three wonderful grandchildren, Luke, James IV, and Stella.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize Representative Alex Atwood for his outstanding
28 accomplishments and untiring service to the United States and the State of Georgia and wish
29 him continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Representative Alex Atwood.