

House Resolution 622

By: Representative Rogers of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Horace James Fitzpatrick; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Horace James Fitzpatrick was born on January 16, 1930, to Ernest Obediah and
3 Chester Bonnie White as the youngest of 13 children; he graduated from Illa High School
4 in 1947 as the class president of the 20 person graduating class; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Horace James Fitzpatrick married Bertie Mae Hart in September 1949,
6 graduated from the University of Georgia in 1951, and began his teaching career in White
7 County, which would lead to him spending 18 years in the classroom where he gained a
8 respected reputation as a teacher, not only teaching academics but also teaching students core
9 values, morals, respect for others, and how to conduct their lives to become valuable
10 members of society; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was also known for teaching his students his love for the University of
12 Georgia and specifically the Georgia Bulldogs; and
- 13 WHEREAS, knowing the value of education, he continued his own education at the
14 University of Georgia where he earned his Masters and Specialist degrees before he went on
15 to be elected as White County School Superintendent in 1968, where he served for 12 years
16 and later retired after ten additional years of service to the State Department of Education;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, he has been deeply devoted to his family, which includes five children, 14
19 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Horace James Fitzpatrick represents the best qualities of service to his
21 community and to the State of Georgia, making it entirely fitting and proper to recognize his
22 outstanding contributions.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Horace James Fitzpatrick's contributions
25 to this state through his career as an educator, the impact he has made on countless lives
26 during his teaching career, and his community involvement.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Horace James Fitzpatrick.