

## House Resolution 705

By: Representative Belton of the 112<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Herbert Charles Berding, Sr.; 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 Herbert Charles Berding, Sr., on March 8, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Herbert Charles "Bert" Berding, Sr., was born on May 28, 1928, in Cincinnati,  
5 Ohio, a beloved son of Herbert and Irene Berding; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean  
8 War as a Master Sergeant; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Bert Berding was an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church, Arch Diocese of  
10 Atlanta, and served as the only deacon for St. James Catholic Church in Madison, Georgia,  
11 for 23 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he spent countless hours volunteering for the Caring Place, St. Vincent DePaul  
13 Society, and the March of Life, expressing his love with action and with every means  
14 available to him and was an exemplary Boy Scout all of his life who always honored God,  
15 his country, his family, and the many fortunate people who knew him as their happy friend;  
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage for 66 years to his wife, Jean Mary, and was  
18 blessed with six remarkable children, Mary, Herbert, Mark, Christina, Terrance, and  
19 Marjean, 15 wonderful grandchildren, and six outstanding great-grandchildren; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Bert Berding gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep  
21 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he  
22 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bert Berding will long be remembered for  
27 his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
28 knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Herbert Charles Berding,  
31 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 family of Herbert Charles Berding, Sr.