

House Resolution 1187

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Rutledge of the 109th, Cauble of the 111th, Mathiak of the 73rd, and Knight of the 130th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Richard Ellis Craig, 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 Richard Ellis Craig, Sr., on January 18, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Craig graduated from McDonough High School, served in the United States
5 Army, was a member of Turner United Methodist Church, and retired from BellSouth after
6 33 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was a servant at heart and was involved in many areas of the community,
8 including politics, civics, and sports; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served on the Henry County Board of Education for ten years, was elected
10 as a city council member for two terms, served as Mayor of the City of McDonough for two
11 terms, and was on the 2017 Board of Elections & Registration for Henry County; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, a charter member of
13 Henry County Moose Lodge #2170, and delivered Meals on Wheels for over 20 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was president of the HCSS Booster Club and president of the Henry County
15 Recreation Board and was instrumental in the creation of the Sunshine League Special Needs
16 Complex and bringing the ABC Roberto Clemente World Series to McDonough; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he coached numerous ball teams, umpired throughout the county, and was an
18 avid Georgia Tech fan, having received many awards, including being inducted into the
19 Henry County Sports Hall of Fame and the ASA Georgia Coaches/Umpire Hall of Fame, and
20 having Richard Craig Field at Alexander Park, the Craig/Lunsford Field at Henry County
21 High School, and the Richard Craig Park named in his honor; and

22 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
23 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
24 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Craig will long be remembered for his
29 love of family, friendship, and country, and will be missed by all who had the great fortune
30 of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Richard Ellis Craig, Sr., and express
33 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Mr. Craig's friends and family.