

House Resolution 278

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, and Dunahoo of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Donald "Don" J. Carter; 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 Donald "Don" J. Carter on February 7, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Don was born in 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, a beloved son of the late Nola and
5 Jewell Carter; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Don graduated from Gainesville High School where he played on both the
7 football and baseball teams, and later, in 1954, earned a degree in economics from Mercer
8 University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Army Corps of Engineers as a First Lieutenant, valiantly and courageously protecting
11 his fellow Americans from 1954 to 1956; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Lucile, and was blessed with
13 three remarkable children, Dee Ann, Steve, and Doug; four wonderful grandchildren, and
14 four exceptional great-grandchildren; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Don served as president of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1966
16 and was appointed to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Board in 1973 by
17 Governor Jimmy Carter; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was reappointed to the DNR Board by Governor George Busbee, Governor
19 Joe Frank Harris, and Governor Zell Miller; Don chaired the board in 1977, served as chair
20 of the Land Acquisitions Committee and as chairman of the North Georgia Mountain
21 Authority; and

22 WHEREAS, he was appointed by Governor Miller to chair the Preservation 2000 Committee
23 which purchased more than 3,000 acres of land for park and wildlife management areas; and

24 WHEREAS, Don was passionate about the outdoors and loved hunting and fishing; with the
25 support of Governor Sonny Purdue and others, Don's lifelong service of protecting the
26 wildlife of this state was honored with the development of Don Carter State Park, a 1,300
27 acre tract of land on beautiful Lake Lanier; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Donald "Don" J. Carter
33 and express 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Donald "Don" J. Carter.