

House Resolution 550

By: Representatives Smith of the 133rd, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 136th, and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of D. Hal Averett; 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 D. Hal Averett on November 28, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hal was born on April 13, 1949, in Savannah, Georgia, a beloved son of the
5 late Jack Monroe Averett, Sr., and Eloise Averett; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Hal was an active member of First Baptist
7 Church of Columbus, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Gina, and was blessed with three
9 remarkable children, Anna, Harry, and the late David Averett; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his love of Columbus, Georgia, was evident through his involvement and
11 influence in numerous community organizations and projects, including, but not limited to,
12 Columbus Scholars, Safe House, Trinity House, Open Door Community House, VIP, IFM,
13 and Trees Columbus, and as the long-time leader of the Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery
14 Foundation; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Hal had the uncanny ability to make people feel important, valued, and
16 understood; he was the embodiment of stewardship and servant leadership, a leader in
17 architectural development and a spiritual guide, shaping the faith of many friends, family
18 members, and acquaintances; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he loved children and took special care to remind every child how they have
20 great potential, regardless of where they came from; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Hal will long be remembered for his love
25 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
26 knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of D. Hal Averett and express
29 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the
32 family of D. Hal Averett.