

## House Resolution 918

By: Representative Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Leon Echols; 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 Leon Echols, on September 13, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Leon Echols was born on April 11, 1941, in Moulton, Alabama, a beloved son  
5 of the late Mearlon and Bessie Echols; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Leon was an active member of Church of  
7 Christ in Cordele, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Rachel, and was blessed with  
9 three remarkable children, Boniface, Kalandra, and Aletha; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a life long educator, he began his career in 1963 at Vienna High School where  
11 he taught industrial arts and, later, technology; he truly inspired others with his dedication  
12 and charisma; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
14 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
15 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
17 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
18 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Leon Echols, will long be remembered for  
20 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
21 fortune of knowing him.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Leon Echols and express  
24 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 family of Leon Echols.