

House Resolution 965

By: Representative Silcox of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Allan Frank Ripans; 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 Allan Frank Ripans on January 8, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Allan Frank Ripans was raised in Flushing, New York, and made his life and
5 raised his family in Atlanta; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Gail, and was blessed with three
7 remarkable children, Jill, Jon, and Holly; and six wonderful grandchildren, Caroline, Rachel,
8 Hannah, Max, Kevin, and Matthew; and
- 9 WHEREAS, an astute and innovative businessman, Allan worked as a food service executive
10 with Allied Stores Corp and ARAMARK, and later owned and operated Cross Roads
11 Restaurant in Atlanta for 20 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was awarded Restaurateur of the Year in 1976, and his service with the
13 Atlanta Restaurant Association and the Cornell Society of Hotelmen is further testament to
14 his commitment to his industry; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Allan was instrumental in the establishment of the Zaban Shelter (now Zaban
16 Paradies Center) and quietly supported many charitable organizations; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
19 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

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

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Allan Frank Ripans.