

House Resolution 1034

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, and Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. James C. Metts Jr.; 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 Dr. James C. Metts Jr. on January 20, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. James C. Metts Jr was born on June 27, 1931; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a physician with  
6 the United States Air Force, valiantly and courageously treating and protecting his fellow  
7 Americans for two years, and obtaining the rank of Captain; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was blessed with six remarkable children, Holly, James, Sandra, Lynn,  
9 Victoria, and Beth; 16 wonderful grandchildren; and ten phenomenal great-grandchildren;  
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
12 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
13 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a brilliant internal medicine specialist and diagnostician he served the Savannah  
15 area for 50 years as both a physician and as Chatham County coroner, first working in private  
16 practice and later founding the Community Cardiovascular Council (CCC), which provided  
17 free health screenings and stroke prevention services to Chatham County residents; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Metts received numerous awards for his important work with the CCC,  
19 including the 2009 WTOC's Hometown Hero Award and the Monarch Award from the  
20 Savannah Lion's club; he was twice honored by the Georgia State Legislature for his efforts;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he was also awarded the Curtis V. Cooper Special Recognition Award for  
23 "outstanding service, achievement, commitment, excellence and compassion and caring in  
24 response to the health care needs of patients"; 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, Dr. James C. Metts Jr. will long be  
29 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
30 had the great fortune of 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 Dr. James C. Metts Jr. and  
33 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 Dr. James C. Metts Jr.