

House Resolution 121

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of J.B. Tate; 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 J.B. Tate; and
- 4 WHEREAS, J.B. Tate was born in Oklahoma and raised with the Osage Indians, a beloved
- 5 son of Stillman and Margaret Landers Tate; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, J.B. Tate was an active member of Cartersville
- 7 First Presbyterian Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, as a lifelong advocate for Native Americans, he was a founding member of the
- 9 Georgia TOTA and was appointed to serve as its first delegate; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a beloved professor at Kennesaw State University known for his engaging
- 11 lectures, he shared his love of history with his students before retiring as professor emeritus;
- 12 and

13 WHEREAS, after his retirement, he continued to lecture with the Elder Hostel program and
14 through the Etowah Valley Historical Society, serving as president and an advisor; and

15 WHEREAS, he published *Sketches of Bartow County*, which provides a popular historical
16 look at early Bartow County; contributed to many publications; and was cited by other
17 authors who admired him for his expertise; and

18 WHEREAS, his many honors included the EVHS's Lifetime Achievement Award, the KSU
19 Continuing Education Award, a Star Teacher Award, CVB's Entwisle Award for Lifetime
20 Service, and more; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Dianne, and was blessed with
22 three remarkable children, James, John, and Robert, and four wonderful grandchildren, Tyler,
23 Brandon, Jordan, and Landon; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, J.B. Tate will long be remembered for his
31 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
32 fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of J.B. Tate and express their
35 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of J.B. Tate.