

House Resolution 170

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Greene of the 151st, England of the 116th, Houston of the 170th, and Watson of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jimmy Ray East; 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 Jimmy Ray East on November 25, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jimmy Ray East was born in Manchester, Georgia, on March 25, 1946, a
- 5 beloved son of Jennings Felix East Sr. and Loyce Twilley East; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and deed,
- 7 Jimmy was an active member of Colquitt First Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a
- 8 deacon; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 47 years, Sandra, and was
- 10 blessed with two remarkable children, Jason and Erin, and two wonderful grandchildren,
- 11 Gavin and Harrison; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Jimmy served with distinction as vocational supervisor of Miller County High
- 13 School for 25 years before his retirement in 2004, tirelessly directing an extraordinary
- 14 amount of time and talent toward guiding students to a better future; and

15 WHEREAS, he actively volunteered and contributed many hours in support of agriculture,
16 agricultural education, and the FFA, serving on the Executive Council of the Miller County
17 FFA Alumni and as president of the Georgia FFA Alumni; and

18 WHEREAS, as an additional testament to his commitment to his community, Jimmy was
19 involved with many community and professional organizations, including the American
20 Legion, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Jimmy will long be remembered for his
28 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
29 fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Jimmy Ray East and
32 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 family of Jimmy Ray East.