

House Resolution 408

By: Representative Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Thomas Anderson "Andy" Roach; 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 Thomas Anderson "Andy" Roach on March 4, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Andy was born on March 13, 1924, in Cherokee County, Georgia, a beloved son  
5 of Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Roach; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War  
8 II and earning the Bronze Star for his bravery in saving a wounded comrade who was pinned  
9 down in enemy crossfire; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
11 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced  
12 dramatically by his superlative service as an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation;  
13 as an attorney for more than five decades; and in the Georgia General Assembly, where he  
14 served one term as a senator and five consecutive terms as a representative; and

15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Andy was an active member of Ball Ground  
16 Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Canton, serving as a deacon for both  
17 congregations as well as a Sunday school teacher for over 40 years; and

18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 66 years, Louise, and was  
19 blessed with three remarkable children, Cathy, Christie, and Tom; nine wonderful  
20 grandchildren; and 17 outstanding great-grandchildren; and

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

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Thomas Anderson "Andy"  
29 Roach and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Thomas Anderson "Andy" Roach.