

House Resolution 424

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

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Don Stevens; 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 Don Stevens on January 27, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a retired Delta Airlines pilot, he played a significant role in the Cherokee  
5 County community, serving on the Cherokee County Airport Authority for more than 20  
6 years as chairperson of the board and with the Cherokee Bank; and
- 7 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the authority, the Cherokee County Regional Airport  
8 lengthened its runway from 3,400 to 5,000 feet and completed various other improvements;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, as a result of his dedication to excellence, he was honored by the Blue Ridge  
11 Bar Association for his efforts in creating the DUI court and was also formally honored in  
12 2004 as a First Citizen of Cherokee County by the Chamber of Commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Lila, and was blessed with three  
14 remarkable children, Keith, Janet, and Kelly, as well as six wonderful grandchildren, Cody,  
15 Ryan, Maddie, Alex, Eli, and Luke; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and deed,  
17 Don and his wife started the Cherokee Thanksgiving program at Canton First United  
18 Methodist Church, which has served thousands of holiday meals to people in need; and

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

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

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Don Stevens and express  
30 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 family of Don Stevens.