

House Resolution 1226

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Jack B. Edmunds 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 Jack B. Edmunds Jr. on August 29, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack B. Edmunds Jr. was born on July 18, 1934, in Decatur, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of Jack B. Edmunds Sr. and Marian Houser Edmunds; and

6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Jack B. Edmunds Jr. was an active member of
7 Hartwell First United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir for over 50 years; taught
8 Sunday School for 30 years; was a delegate to the North Georgia Conference and, among
9 other roles, served as chairman of the Committee on Finance and Administration, North
10 Georgia Conference; and

11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and was blessed with
12 two remarkable daughters, Cathy and Kimberley; three wonderful grandchildren, Elliott,
13 Kelly, and Leslie; and two exceptional grandchildren, Jack and Paul; and

14 WHEREAS, a graduate of the LSU School of Banking and the Emory Advanced
15 Management School, Jack retired as president of Citizens and Southern National Bank (now
16 Bank of America) after 35 years of service; and

17 WHEREAS, his pastor, Rev. Allen Stewart, remembered Jack as a "true community man,"
18 as evidenced by his many civic and societal contributions, including president of Citizens and
19 Southern National Bank; chairman of Ty Cobb Healthcare System, Inc.; chairman of the
20 Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart, and Stephens Counties; chairman of the Hart
21 County Industrial Building Authority; chairman of Hart County Water Authority; chairman
22 of Athens Technical College Board; and director of Athens Technical College Foundation;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, in more recent years, Jack was a member of the Executive Committee of Hart
25 County Archway Partnership (past chairman), chairman of the Frances Wood Wilson
26 Foundation, member and former president of the Hartwell Rotary Club, and board
27 member/director of Small Business Access Partners; and

28 WHEREAS, among his many awards and honors, he was a recipient of Legacy
29 Award-Athens Technical College 2007, recipient of the Hart County Chamber of Commerce
30 Golden Shovel Award in 2000, Volunteer of the Year in 1999 of the Georgia Economic
31 Developers Association, and the inaugural recipient of the 2010 Lifetime Achievement
32 Award, Hart County Chamber of Commerce; and

33 WHEREAS, peers spoke of Jack as a consummate professional who set a high bar of
34 excellence. "As a friend," they said, "he always offered kind, thoughtful, and considerate
35 advice. And as a Christian, he set an example of serving others in our community and
36 throughout the region."; and

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

40 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Jack will long be remembered for his love
41 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
42 knowing him.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Jack B. Edmunds Jr. and
45 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
48 family of Jack B. Edmunds Jr.