

House Resolution 19

By: Representative Cheokas of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of William Henry Capitan; 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 William Henry Capitan on October 17, 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill was born on February 7, 1933, in Owosso, Michigan, a beloved son of
5 Chrysanthé Sarris and Anastasias Kapetanakis; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Michigan who earned his master's degree and
7 PhD from the University of Minnesota, he met his wife, Dolores, while living in
8 Minneapolis, and the two were united in love and marriage for 54 years; and

9 WHEREAS, they were blessed with two remarkable children, Edwin and Rita; four
10 wonderful grandchildren, Charles Jr., William, Benedict, and Chancellor; and three
11 outstanding great-grandchildren, Gisele, Vendela, and Patrick; and

12 WHEREAS, a highly respected expert in his field, Bill authored several texts during his
13 distinguished academic career, including "The Philosophy of Art," "The Philosophy of
14 Religion," "Speak for Yourself," "Mists on Mt. Athos," and "The Ethical Navigator"; and

15 WHEREAS, after serving for 14 years as president of Georgia Southwestern State University
16 in Americus, Georgia, Bill further served in many capacities as part of Flotilla 10-10 of the
17 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, earning certification as a captain; and

18 WHEREAS, over the last eight years, he traveled extensively to destinations in Europe and
19 the United States with his beloved companion, Elizabeth, sharing much love and joy with her
20 and his family; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bill 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 William Henry Capitan
29 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 William Henry Capitan.