

House Resolution 874

By: Representative Taylor of the 173rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Tom Jacobs; 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 Dr. Tom Jacobs on January 23, 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Tom Jacobs was born in Haines City, Florida, a beloved son of Oyer and
5 Era Jacobs; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously aiding his fellow Americans as a chaplain
8 assistant before going to seminary; and

9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Tom Jacobs pastored churches in Alabama,
10 Florida, and Georgia until his final post as pastor of First Baptist Church of Thomasville,
11 where he eventually retired after more than 41 years of ministry; and

12 WHEREAS, he was further involved in his community as part of many civic organizations,
13 including the Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis, and he served on state committees for the
14 Georgia Baptist Convention; and

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15 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Jane, and was blessed with three
16 remarkable children, Amy, Chad, and Greg, as well as six wonderful grandchildren, Ben,
17 Adam, Eli, Nicholas, Jacob, and Rachel; and

18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; 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, Dr. Tom Jacobs will long be remembered
25 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
26 fortune of 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 Dr. Tom Jacobs and
29 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 Dr. Tom Jacobs.