

House Resolution 329

By: Representative Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Guy Jehue Rutland 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 Guy Jehue Rutland Jr. on January 24, 2025; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Guy Jehue Rutland Jr. was born on January 23, 1935, in Polk County, Georgia,
5 a beloved son of Guy Jehue Rutland Sr. and Ida Davis Rutland; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career in education, he dedicated over 33 years to
7 teaching and coaching in the Polk School District, earning recognition as Coach of the Year
8 in Wrestling from the Georgia Athletic Association, and served for 12 years as part of the
9 Polk School District Board of Education; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he further served his community as owner and operator of both Rutland Farm,
11 a Georgia Centennial Farm he inherited from his parents, and Christmas Tree City, which has
12 served the community for 47 years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Guy Jehue Rutland Jr. was an active and
14 devoted member of Victory Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Lynda, and was blessed with
16 two remarkable children, Ashley and Jud, as well as three wonderful grandchildren, Julia,
17 Sam, and Annika; 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, Guy Jehue Rutland Jr. will long be
25 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
26 had the great 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 Guy Jehue Rutland Jr. 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 Guy Jehue Rutland Jr.