

House Resolution 511

By: Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Gravley of the 67th, Alexander of the 66th, and Momtahan of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Gary Kitchen; 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 Gary Kitchen; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Gary Kitchen was born on July 4, 1944, in Erie, Pennsylvania, a beloved son
5 of Edward and Laona Kitchen; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans from 1966 to 1972,
8 serving as an LT USN, a surface unrestricted line officer, an executive officer on the *USS*
9 *Vital*, and an operations officer on the *USS Calcaterra*; and
- 10 WHEREAS, for his bravery and resilience in the Navy, he was a recipient of numerous
11 awards and decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal and the Antarctica
12 Service Medal; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he further served as a strong advocate for care givers like him who needed
14 direct financial support and launched the LMK foundation, which as of December 2020 has

15 raised money for over 3,000 Georgia families with loved ones in respite care due to dementia
16 and Alzheimer's disease; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Gary Kitchen will long be remembered for
24 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
25 fortune of knowing him.

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

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Gary Kitchen.