

House Resolution 1253

By: Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Dickey of the 140th, and Houston of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Johnny F. Jones; 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 Johnny F. Jones on September 7, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Johnny F. Jones was a native of Lyons, Georgia, and he lived most of his life
5 in the Toombs-Montgomery Counties area; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a beloved son of F.W. Jr. and Vera Hadden Jones; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 38 years, Mona; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Johnny was a 1970 graduate of Toombs Central School, where he was voted
9 Most Dependable; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and earned a degree in
11 agricultural mechanics; and

12 WHEREAS, during his high school and collegiate years, he was active in Future Farmers of
13 American (FFA) and earned numerous awards, including the prestigious American Farmer
14 Degree; and

15 WHEREAS, Johnny served four years in the Georgia National Guard and five years in the
16 United States Navy; he worked as a machinist's mate aboard the USS Yosemite and the USS
17 Saratoga, where he operated engine room number two; and

18 WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged from the Navy, he worked as a mechanic for
19 various businesses before opening Johnny's Repair Service in 1983, and he and his wife
20 owned, operated, and raised their children there for 35 years until his retirement in 2019; and

21 WHEREAS, Johnny actively volunteered with and contributed many hours to support
22 agriculture, agricultural education, and the FFA, where he served as the Charter President of
23 the Toombs County FFA Alumni Chapter; he also held several positions on the Georgia FFA
24 Alumni Council, including president, and he was the Southeast Representative for the
25 National FFA Alumni Council, where he was awarded the Honorary American Degree; and

26 WHEREAS, as an additional testament to his commitment to his community, Johnny was
27 involved with many community and professional organizations, including the Toombs
28 County Farm Bureau and the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, where he served
29 a term on the board of directors; and

30 WHEREAS, he was also a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Lyons, a member of the
31 Lyons Masonic Lodge #49, and the Quint Shrine Club; following his retirement, he served
32 on the board of His Works Ministries; and

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

36 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered around the Toombs County area as being Santa
37 Claus and across the nation for handing out wheat pennies, peppermints, and peanuts to FFA
38 and FFA Alumni members at meetings and conventions; and

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

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Johnny F. Jones and
44 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
47 family of Johnny F. Jones.