

House Resolution 317

By: Representatives Smith of the 138<sup>th</sup> and Rice of the 139<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Fort Benning Lodge #579; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on January 10, 1924, in Columbus, Georgia, 53 Masons from Fort Benning  
3 Military Base and surrounding lodges came together to organize Fort Benning Lodge #579,  
4 Free & Accepted Masons; and

5 WHEREAS, on October 29, 1924, these Masons sought dispensation and were granted a  
6 charter from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, leading to the constitution of  
7 Fort Benning Lodge #579 on November 3, 1924; and

8 WHEREAS, during the 100 years since Fort Benning Lodge #579 was constituted, many of  
9 the officers and members of the lodge have faithfully served the citizens of the United States  
10 and the State of Georgia in Columbus, Muscogee County, Chattahoochee County, Harris  
11 County, the Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite Bodies, and York Rite Bodies of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, the contributions, leadership, support, and fraternal affection that members of  
13 Fort Benning Lodge #579 have provided to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia  
14 during the lodge's more than 100 years of operation are undeniable; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable lodge be appropriately  
16 honored during this special time.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Fort Benning Lodge #579 for its dedicated  
19 service, leadership, and fraternal contributions over the past 100 years as well as extend best  
20 wishes for its future growth and success.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fort  
23 Benning Lodge #579.