

House Resolution 595

By: Representative Glaize of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending all veterans and their families in this state; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms cherished by all United States citizens; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve
6 this country during times of war and peace in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy,
7 Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, Army Reserve, and National Guard; and
- 8 WHEREAS, all of Georgia's veterans, including personnel who served in times of peace or
9 war, are to be highly commended for their service, sacrifice, and devotion to duty to this
10 country; and
- 11 WHEREAS, more than 600,000 veterans of the Armed Forces have made Georgia their
12 home; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia expresses its sincere appreciation for these individuals and
14 the contributions that they have made to the state; and

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15 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of Georgia veterans stand as a shining tribute to
16 the strength of the human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
17 the outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Americans and
18 Georgians be appropriately recognized and rewarded; and

19 WHEREAS, at present, up to \$17,500.00 a year of income received by an individual who is
20 less than 62 years of age paid to such individual as retirement benefits from military service
21 in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof may be exempt
22 from state income taxes and an additional \$17,500.00 a year may be exempted if such
23 veteran has Georgia earned income otherwise included in his or her taxable income in an
24 amount that exceeds \$17,500.00; and

25 WHEREAS, at present, up to \$35,000.00 a year of income received by an individual who is
26 between the ages of 62 and 65 is paid to such individual as retirement benefits from military
27 service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; and

28 WHEREAS, due in part to the challenges faced by Georgia veterans and veterans across the
29 country during their service, they often need to retire prior to their contemporaries who did
30 not serve in the armed forces; and

31 WHEREAS, increasing these exemptions described in this resolution would recognize and
32 honor the service of Georgia veterans.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend and honor all Georgia veterans and their efficient,
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the residents of Georgia and citizens of
36 the United States of America.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
39 public and the press.