

House Resolution 687

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### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Judge William F. Lee 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 Judge William F. Lee Jr. on February 7, 2025; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Judge William F. Lee Jr. was born on February 13, 1943, in Fort Bragg, North  
5 Carolina, a beloved son of William and Martha Lee; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Judge William F. Lee Jr. was a fifth  
7 generation, active member of Central Baptist Church, in Newnan, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Emily, and was blessed with two  
9 remarkable children, Emily and Martha; and three wonderful grandchildren, Sarah, Thomas,  
10 and Caroline; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a member of the Georgia Bar since 1967, Judge William F. Lee Jr. left an  
12 indelible mark on the legal community; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1980, he was elected Superior Court judge for the Coweta Circuit, where he  
14 will be remembered for his dedication and commitment as the longest serving superior court  
15 judge in the circuit; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Judge William F. Lee Jr. will long be  
23 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
24 had the great fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Judge William F. Lee Jr.  
27 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 family of Judge William F. Lee Jr.