

## House Resolution 888

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146<sup>th</sup>, Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Oliver of the 84<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Clarence "Ed" Barker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Clarence "Ed" Barker was born in Augusta, Georgia, and raised in Warner  
3 Robins, Georgia, where he demonstrated a strong work ethic from an early age, including  
4 operating a gas station while in high school, setting a foundation for his lifelong dedication  
5 to his community and family; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ed dedicated nearly two decades of his life to public service, representing the  
7 18th Senatorial District in middle Georgia for nine consecutive terms from 1973 to 1991,  
8 during which he worked tirelessly to improve the lives of his constituents and strengthen the  
9 State of Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ed's leadership extended beyond politics as he served as president of the  
11 Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce and the Air Force Association as well as continued  
12 to contribute to the growth and prosperity of the community even after his political career;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, after retiring from state politics, Ed and his wife, Janet, moved to Highlands,  
15 North Carolina, where they built a successful furniture and decorator showroom for over 20  
16 years, demonstrating their entrepreneurial spirit; and

17 WHEREAS, Ed's lifelong commitment to public service and his passion for community  
18 engagement were further evident through his active involvement in President Jimmy Carter's  
19 campaign and his leadership role in bringing Rev. Billy Graham's series of services to  
20 Georgia, enriching the lives of many Georgians; and

21 WHEREAS, Ed's legacy continues through his loving family, including his wife of over 70  
22 years, Janet, as well as his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all of whom he  
23 deeply cared for and whose lives he touched with kindness, wisdom, and dedication.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Clarence "Ed" Barker and  
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 family of Clarence "Ed" Barker.