

House Resolution 1055

By: Representatives New of the 40th, Burns of the 159th, Alexander of the 66th, Smith of the 138th, Parsons of the 44th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Representative Bill Hembree; 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 Bill Hembree on January 15, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bill Hembree was born on March 8, 1966, in Villa Rica, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of Herman Aubrey Hembree and Monta Raye Buchanan Hembree; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Beth, and was blessed with three
7 remarkable children, Will, Thomas, and Miles; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Representative Bill Hembree faithfully served with the Georgia House of
9 Representatives from 1992-2012, holding distinguished roles including Chairman of Higher
10 Education and Chairman of the Rules Committee, where he worked tirelessly to improve
11 Georgia's higher education system and honorably served the citizens of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
13 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
14 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bill Hembree will long be remembered for
19 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
20 fortune of knowing him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Representative Chairman
23 Bill Hembree and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 family of Bill Hembree.