

House Resolution 1273

By: Representatives Park of the 107th, Jackson of the 128th, Williams of the 168th, Jackson of the 68th, Howard of the 129th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of George and Sally Lauderdale; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend George Seebert Lauderdale (1929-2017) and Sally Swan Burke
3 Lauderdale (1928-2026) were united in marriage for 67 years, establishing a legacy of faith
4 and service that reached from Jefferson County, Georgia, to the international mission field;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Erskine College and Seminary, Reverend George Lauderdale
7 dedicated his life to the ministry, serving as a founder and original board member of the
8 Christian Broadcasting Network and establishing a radio ministry that broadcasted in the
9 Philippines for over 40 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sally Lauderdale, a native of the Zebina community and the first female
11 editor of the Erskine Mirror, was a devoted educator and community leader who taught the
12 adult Sunday school class at Ebenezer A.R. Presbyterian Church for a decade, concluding
13 her final lesson at the age of 90; and

14 WHEREAS, together they worked to further their faith through Reverend George's 30-year
15 weekly column for the News and Farmer and his publication of WordSing, a translation of
16 the Bible into rhyme and meter which Sally meticulously edited; and

17 WHEREAS, the Lauderdale's were known for their local impact in Wrens and Jefferson
18 County, where Sally served as President of the Louisville Garden Club during the
19 re-landscaping of the Courthouse and as a charter member of the Arts Guild of Jefferson
20 County; and

21 WHEREAS, their commitment to others was demonstrated by their hosting of a steady
22 stream of missionaries and refugees in their home, and by providing a welcoming
23 environment for families newly immigrated to Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, their global influence included more than 20 trips to the Holy Land and mission
25 work in England, India, Korea, and China, embodying a life of service that touched a
26 multitude of lives across the world; and

27 WHEREAS, they are survived by their three children, George Seebert Lauderdale Jr., Lois
28 Ann Lauderdale Hopson, and David Burke Lauderdale, as well as their grandchildren and
29 great-grandchildren, who remember them for their devotion to Jesus and their family.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of George and Sally
32 Lauderdale.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 Lauderdale family.