

House Resolution 1653

By: Representative Williams of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mack Allington Pearce; 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 Mack Allington Pearce; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mack Allington Pearce was born on July 15, 1935, in Wilcox County, Georgia,
5 becoming part of a multi-generational family of Georgia farmers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, he independently farmed the thousands of acres once
7 maintained by his grandfather, growing and selling millions of pounds of watermelons in
8 Cordele, Georgia, the "Watermelon Capital of the World"; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as a man of deep and abiding faith, he followed Biblical principals in his
10 farming practices, honoring the Sabbath by not working on Sundays and following a rotation
11 of planting that allowed his fields to lay fallow every seven years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he received many honors in recognition of his exceptional watermelons and his
13 dedication to the land he worked and stewarded throughout his life, including King
14 Watermelon, Sweetest Watermelon, Best Watermelon, and Georgia Soil Conservationist; and

15 WHEREAS, he further served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
16 United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans from 1957
17 to 1959 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

18 WHEREAS, Mack Allington Pearce was united in love and marriage to his wife, Betty
19 Willene Pearce, and was blessed with three remarkable children, Kim, Suzette, and Suzanne;
20 and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mack Allington Pearce will long be
28 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
29 had the great fortune of knowing him.

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 Mack Allington Pearce and
32 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 family of Mack Allington Pearce.