

House Resolution 2108

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th, Greene of the 154th, and Powell of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of former Representative Eugene Milton "Buddy" Childers; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of former Representative Eugene Milton "Buddy" Childers on March 16,
5 2026, at the age of 87; and

6 WHEREAS, a lifelong native of Floyd County, Buddy Childers was the son of the late
7 Claude E. Childers and Vassie Geneva Pope Childers and was preceded in death by his sister,
8 Margaret Bozeman, and his brother, Jerry Childers; and

9 WHEREAS, known affectionately as "Buddy" to all who knew him, he was a proud graduate
10 of Model High School and served his country honorably in the Marine Corps Reserves; and

11 WHEREAS, he began his professional career with the Celanese Corporation and later
12 devoted the majority of his working life to Southern Bell, where he served as a lineman and
13 pay phone specialist from 1964 until his retirement; and

14 WHEREAS, a dedicated labor leader, Buddy Childers was an active and respected member
15 of the Communication Workers of America in Rome, where he advocated tirelessly on behalf
16 of working men and women; and

17 WHEREAS, his commitment to public service began at the local level when he served as
18 Justice of the Peace for Floyd County from 1970 to 1974, faithfully representing his
19 community; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1974, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives from the 13th
21 House District, where he served the citizens of Floyd and Bartow counties with distinction
22 for 30 years, earning a reputation as "the working man working for you"; and

23 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Childers was a
24 dedicated member and longtime Chairman of the House Health Committee and a member
25 of the Appropriations Committee, where he championed legislation to improve and expand
26 public health and mental health services and played a key role in efforts to remove the state
27 tax on food and prescription drugs; and

28 WHEREAS, beyond his legislative accomplishments, Buddy Childers was a man of deep
29 faith and unwavering devotion to his family, living out his Christian values as a lifelong
30 member of Riverside Baptist Church; and

31 WHEREAS, he found his greatest joy in his retirement years, spending time with his beloved
32 grandchildren and supporting them in all their endeavors; and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost a dedicated public servant whose contributions will
34 be remembered for generations to come.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body honor the life and memory of former Representative Eugene
37 Milton "Buddy" Childers and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 family of former Representative Eugene Milton "Buddy" Childers.