

House Resolution 1173

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Hatchett of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Robert J. "Bobby" Gurley, Sr., 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 Robert J. "Bobby" Gurley, Sr., on February 4, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Robert J. "Bobby" Gurley, Sr., was born on May 26, 1925, in Aragon, Georgia,
5 the beloved son of Julius Oliver Gurley and Lillie Mae Jones Gurley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
8 II, and his service was recognized with numerous accolades, including the Purple Heart and
9 Bronze Star; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of the Rockmart
11 Presbyterian Church; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he owned Gurley's Dry Goods Store where he served the local community with
13 utmost care and attention, and his career spanned several decades and showcased his
14 exceptional drive and work ethic; and

15 WHEREAS, additionally, he worked as an income tax preparer and later retired from the
16 State of Georgia as the Assistant Director of the Georgia Income Tax Division, where his
17 commitment to his work earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues and clients
18 alike; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a former member of the Rockmart/Aragon Hospital Board, the Lions
20 Club of Rockmart, and the Golden Age Club; and

21 WHEREAS, outside of his professional pursuits, he was an avid golfer who relished
22 spending time on the green, and in his younger years, he had a passion for hunting, which
23 brought him immense excitement and fulfillment; and

24 WHEREAS, in his later years he enjoyed playing checkers and playing the role of Santa
25 Claus during the Christmas season; and

26 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara Harris Gurley, and was
27 blessed with two remarkable children, Barbara and Robert; and seven wonderful
28 grandchildren, Christi, Chip, John, Sydney, Will, and Greyson and Robert, who predeceased
29 him; and seventeen great-grandchildren; and

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

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
34 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
35 knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Robert J. "Bobby" Gurley,
38 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 family of Robert J. "Bobby" Gurley, Sr.