

House Resolution 1212

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. M.E. "Red" Cantrell; 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 Mr. M.E. "Red" Cantrell on January 11, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cantrell was born on January 9, 1927, in Hall County, a beloved son of
5 John Milford and Nora Lee Dover Cantrell; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Gainesville High School and the Atlanta Law School; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was committed to public service, evidenced by his roles as a firefighter,
8 Director of the Gainesville Department of Housing and Relocation, fire marshal, arson
9 investigator, city police marshal, projects manager in the city's urban renewal project, and
10 Director of Public Works for Hall County; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
12 States Army and Merchant Marines, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
13 Americans; and
- 14 WHEREAS, highly involved in his community, Mr. Cantrell was a member of Kiwanis, Elks
15 club, American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of St. Paul United
17 Methodist Church; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cantrell was united in love and marriage to Sandra, and was blessed with
19 one remarkable child, Mark, and two wonderful grandchildren, Henry and Avery; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Cantrell will long be remembered for
24 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will
25 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. M.E. "Red" Cantrell
28 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Mr. M.E. "Red" Cantrell.