

House Resolution 1435

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. Roger Henry Brown, 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 Mr. Roger Henry Brown, Sr., on January 14, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born on November 22, 1921, in Wheeler County, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of Daisy Blann and William Sloan Brown, and grew up on a small farm near the
6 town of McRae; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans with the 78th
9 Construction Battalion (SeaBees); and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown earned a bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of
11 Technology, where he joined the Sigma Nu fraternity and designed a bridge in Athens which
12 was one of the first to utilize the critical path method of design; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he enjoyed pointing out that University of Georgia football fans would often
14 stand on a bridge designed by a Yellow Jacket engineer to watch football games; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown worked for the Georgia Department of Transportation for several
16 years before joining the Southeastern Highway Contracting Company, one of the most
17 successful highway contractors in the state; and
- 18 WHEREAS, during his career with Southeastern, the company undertook construction of the
19 Atlanta Airport and oversaw the building of hundreds of miles of interstate highway in
20 Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina; and

21 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Brown served as president of Rotary and the
22 Chattahoochee Country Club and on the board of directors for the First National Bank of
23 Gainesville; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the
25 1977 Public Service Award from the Consulting Engineers Council of Georgia, 1978
26 Engineer of the Year in Construction from Georgia Society of Professional Engineers, and
27 a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Highway Contractors Association; and

28 WHEREAS, he received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America and was
29 inducted to the Hall of Fame at the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was united in love and marriage for 61 wonderful years to Mary
31 Carolyn Moore Brown, and was blessed with the support of his remarkable children, Linda
32 Mason and Roger Brown, Jr., and three adoring grandchildren, Farrell, Lucas, and Gracie;
33 and

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

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roger Henry Brown,
39 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Roger
42 Henry Brown, Sr.