

House Resolution 1538

By: Representative Morris of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of John C. "Chip" Matheson; 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 John C. "Chip" Matheson on October 15, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Chip was a native of Lyons, a 1965 graduate of Lyons Senior High, and a 1970
5 graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor's in business administration; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he returned to Vidalia in 1974 as co-owner and manager of Traffic Oil
7 Company, where he worked for 20 years, and managed Darby Properties before becoming
8 the Toombs County Magistrate Court Judge in 2005; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he also served on the Vidalia City Council for 20 years, where he was chairman
10 of the Finance Committee, and served as mayor pro tem; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1995, Chip chaired the Vidalia Onion Festival and was chosen as the Vidalia
12 Citizen of the Year in 1997; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was former president of the Vidalia Kiwanis Club, former chairman of the
14 Sweet Onion Classic Golf Tournament, chairman of the Toombs County Development
15 Authority, and served on the Citizens Ad Hoc Steering Committee for the Vidalia City
16 Schools; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Chip was an active member of Vidalia
18 Presbyterian Church, and, having been ordained as elder in 1983, served as chairman of the
19 Stewardship Committee, member of the Worship and Music Committee, and usher; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Peggy Davis Matheson, and was blessed
21 with three remarkable children, Mark Matheson, Blythe Matheson Wilcox, and Natalie

22 Matheson Parker and seven wonderful grandchildren, Bess, Lauren, Matti, Cate, John Casey,
23 Mimi, and Sally; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Chip will long be remembered for his love
25 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
26 the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of John C. "Chip" Matheson
29 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of John C. "Chip"
32 Matheson.