

House Resolution 1731

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 Reverend Grady L. Carpenter; 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 Reverend Grady L. Carpenter on May 19, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Carpenter was born on November 29, 1921, in Habersham County,
5 a beloved son of the late John and Elsie Flanagan Carpenter; 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 the Second
8 World War and participating in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day plus two; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Reverend was a retired Baptist minister,
10 having served as pastor of a number of churches, including Rehoboth Baptist Church in
11 Bowman, Georgia, Southside Baptist Church and Rowan Mills Baptist Church in Salisbury,
12 North Carolina, Enon Baptist Church in Lula, Georgia, Wolf Creek Baptist Church in
13 Lakemont, Georgia, and Montgomery Memorial Baptist Church in Gainesville, Georgia,
14 where he served as pastor for 26 years and as pastor emeritus; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Reverend Carpenter was preceded in death by his wife, Bert Carpenter, son,
16 Walter Carpenter, and grandson, David Pethel, and brothers Richard and George Carpenter,
17 and he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Mark and Lisa Carpenter; daughters and
18 sons-in-law Jane and Ken White and Jean and Ben Pethel; grandchildren Tara and Cary
19 Lawler, Haley and Bryan Cagle, Jonathan and Keri Carpenter, Nathan and Kristen White,
20 Allison and Daniel Funk, and Ashley and Greg Graham; great-grandchildren Brecken
21 Lawler, Chase Lawler, Audrey Graham, Brody Graham, Addyson Cagle, Cooper Funk, and
22 Avery Cagle; mother-in-law Frances Abercrombie; sisters Louise Adams and Jane Henson;
23 brother Jimmy Carpenter; sister-in-law Elaine Carpenter; and numerous nieces, nephews, and
24 other relatives; and

25 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
26 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
27 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Grady L.
33 Carpenter and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend
36 Grady L. Carpenter.