

House Resolution 268

By: Representative Belton of the 112th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. William L. Dobbs; 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 Dr. William L. Dobbs on May 4, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Dobbs was born on August 20, 1925, in Blount County, Alabama, and
5 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army,
6 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Second World War;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, he attended Emory at Oxford and Auburn University and graduated with honors
9 in 1951 from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee, as a Doctor of
10 Optometry; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1952 he opened his optometric practice in Covington, Georgia, and continued
12 seeing patients until April, 2014; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served on the Covington City Council for two terms and then as Mayor of
14 Covington for 26 consecutive years from 1970-1996, the longest tenure of any mayor in
15 Covington's history; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he served on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Covington and the Georgia
17 Board of Examiners in Optometry; was a founding member of The Church of The Good
18 Shepherd; served as Worshipful Master for his Masonic Lodge; served as a commissioner
19 for the City of Covington Housing Authority; was an active member of the Georgia
20 Optometric Association, Sons of the American Revolution, the American Legion, the
21 Covington Elks Lodge, Yaarab Shrine Temple, and the Lions Club; and received the Robert
22 Arnold Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Dobbs was united in love and marriage to Jenny and was blessed with a
24 remarkable son, Bill, and a wonderful granddaughter, Bess; 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 Dr. William L. Dobbs and
33 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 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Dr. William L. Dobbs.