

House Resolution 653

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 134th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Smith of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. William David Varner Jr.; 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 David Varner Jr. on January 25, 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. William David Varner Jr. was born on July 24, 1951, in Franklin, Virginia,
5 a beloved son of William Sr. and Ruth Varner; and

6 WHEREAS, after completing his surgical training in 1985, he returned to his hometown and
7 joined Columbus Surgical Associates, dedicating innumerable hours of his time, energy, and
8 passion to his practice and the well-being of his patients; and

9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Mary, and was blessed with five
10 remarkable daughters, Helen, Mary, Caroline, Sally, and Anna, as well as 12 wonderful
11 grandchildren, Sally, Wynne, Lovett, Gardner, Julianna, Bennett, Mims, Eliza Chance, Mary
12 Helen, Eli, David, and Will; and

13 WHEREAS, he served on numerous boards including Boy's and Girl's Club, Springer Opera
14 House, Columbus Symphony, LOCHAWABA, Leadership Georgia, Chattahoochee Valley
15 Community Foundation, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, and more; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. William David Varner Jr. will long be
23 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
24 had the great fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. William David Varner
27 Jr. and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Dr. William David Varner Jr.