

House Resolution 891

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Smyre of the 135th, Dickey of the 140th, and Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of John Albert Demons 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 John Albert Demons Jr. on November 25, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, John Albert Demons Jr. was born on February 14, 1926, in Thomson, Georgia,
5 a beloved son of John and Beulah Demons Sr.; 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 World War
8 II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he earned degrees in agriculture from Georgia State College (now Savannah
10 State University) and North Carolina State University and worked in the field of cooperative
11 extension in a number of positions, including county agent, assistant director of related
12 programs at the University of Georgia, director of extension services for the State of Georgia,
13 and founding director of the extension program at Fort Valley State University, where he
14 remained active even after his retirement; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after retirement, John joined the Peach County Retired Teachers Association
16 and played a key role in the renaming of the organization to the Georgia Retired Educators
17 Association; and
- 18 WHEREAS, John's dedication to his community is evidenced by his extensive work within
19 the city of Fort Valley where he served as assistant tax assessor, a member of the Optimist
20 Club, and as a member of the Development Authority of Peach County, an organization
21 which honored John for his tireless efforts by establishing a park in his name in 2018; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, John was an active member of Trinity
23 Missionary Baptist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, he married his first wife and college sweetheart, the late Leona Carter Demons,
25 and was blessed with four remarkable children, Wynette, John, Christopher, and Donna. In
26 1962, he was united in love and marriage with Jacquelyn until her passing in 2009, and they
27 were blessed with a loving daughter, Jamehl. John built memories with his ten fabulous
28 grandchildren, Bridget, Gabrielle, Whitney, Taylor, Kila, Terrance, Najla, Shanna, Daniel,
29 and Jordan; and seven amazing great-grandchildren, Sterling, Jakoby, Ijonae, Josiah,
30 Imarion, Cameron, and Christian; and

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

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, John will long be remembered for his love
38 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
39 knowing him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of John Albert Demons Jr.
42 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 family of John Albert Demons Jr.