

## House Resolution 98

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, and Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Lee Ed Kelly, 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 Mr. Lee Ed Kelly, Jr., on Sunday, November 23, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly was born on September 27, 1925, in Thomasville, Georgia, a beloved  
5 son of the late Lee Edward Kelly, Sr., and Minnie Darley Kelly; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army Air Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during  
8 World War II as a radar mechanic on high-altitude bombers, and upon his discharge in May,  
9 1946, he became a member of T.L. Spence Post 31 of the American Legion; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly graduated from Emory University, where he was editor of the Emory  
11 student newspaper, later studied at Columbia University in New York City, and was a  
12 reporter for the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and the *Times-Enterprise*, where he served as  
13 president; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he assisted in organizing the Thomasville Jaycees and served two terms as  
15 president of that organization, as well as serving two terms as president of the  
16 Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly was instrumental to the establishment of the Thomasville Regional  
18 Airport at its current site and many other progressive city projects which were accomplished  
19 while he was on the Thomasville City Commission; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Kelly was an active member of the First  
21 Baptist Church, where he was an honorary life deacon and teacher of an adult Sunday School  
22 class; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to the former Patricia Voncille Parker of  
24 Jacksonville, Florida, and was blessed with two remarkable children, Susan Elizabeth  
25 Menosky and Lee E. Kelly III; he is survived by his wife and two children; and

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

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Lee Ed Kelly, Jr., will long be  
33 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband and friend will be  
34 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Lee Ed Kelly, Jr., and  
37 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
40 family of Mr. Lee Ed Kelly, Jr.