

House Resolution 1086

By: Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Glaize of the 67th, Lupton of the 83rd, Williams of the 168th, Gladney of the 130th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most noble, patriotic, and
3 selfless citizens with the passing of Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr. on November 25, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr. was born on July 22, 1928, in New Haven, Michigan,
5 a beloved son of Eugene Henry Sr. and Cornelia Suggs; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr. began his service as a guardian of this nation's
7 freedom and liberty on October 22, 1952, entering the United States Air Force as a second
8 lieutenant, undergoing rigorous training, and commanding a variety of aircraft across Europe
9 and Southeast Asia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr. flew in 14 countries as pilot in command of the
11 KB-50 and C-130, including a notable mission flying ambassadors to Romania during the
12 Cold War, and retired in 1972 as a major before being later commissioned as a lieutenant
13 colonel in the Civil Air Patrol; and

14 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr. received The Master Pilot Award in recognition of
15 his 74 years of incident-free flying, representing more than 5,000 total flight time hours; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Berlena Campbell Henry, and
17 was blessed with two remarkable daughters, Sharon and Cheryl; three wonderful
18 grandchildren, Curtis, Cathy, and Crystal; and seven outstanding great-grandchildren; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr. will long be
26 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr.
30 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Lt. Col. Eugene Henry Jr.