

House Resolution 1089

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Westbrook of the 163rd, and Jackson of the 165th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Arthur M. Gignilliat 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 Arthur M. Gignilliat Jr. on February 3, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he demonstrated exemplary leadership and compassion during his 40 year-long
5 career at Savannah Electric and Power Company, retiring as president and CEO, and his
6 eight elected terms in the Georgia House of Representatives, where he served as chairman
7 of the University System of Georgia Committee; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his public service extended to appointments to the Board of Regents and the
9 Georgia Ports Authority Board, including terms as chairman of each, and his involvement
10 with the Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Games Authority and the Georgia Board of Industry,
11 Trade, and Tourism; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy to his local community
13 through his work with the Savannah Economic Development Authority, United Way
14 Campaign, Armstrong State College Foundation, and the Georgia International Maritime
15 Trade Center Authority; and

16 WHEREAS, he further served proudly for 20 years with the Georgia Army National Guard,
17 retiring as a lieutenant colonel, and was a dedicated member of the Chatham Artillery as well
18 as the Savannah Volunteer Guards; and

19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Arthur M. Gignilliat Jr. was an active member
20 of the First Presbyterian Church of Savannah; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Molly Barnhardt Gignilliat, and
22 was blessed with two remarkable children, Tiece and Matt; six wonderful grandchildren,
23 Michelle, Elizabeth, Mathew, Brooks, Molly, and Sophie; and eight outstanding
24 great-grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Arthur M. Gignilliat 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 Arthur M. Gignilliat 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 Arthur M. Gignilliat Jr.