

House Resolution 1134

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Hatchett of the 150th, and Hawkins of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. S. Craig Taylor, of Monroe, Georgia, for his
2 professional and community achievements, his dedication to his family, his practice of
3 dentistry, and his advocacy efforts in protecting the patients of this state; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and City of Monroe mourn the loss of one of their most
6 distinguished citizens with the passing of Dr. S. Craig Taylor on February 16, 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor was born on October 14, 1954, in Anderson, South Carolina, to
8 Ralph B. Taylor Jr. and L.O. Blake Pruitt Taylor; and

9 WHEREAS, as a resident of Monroe, Georgia, since the age of four, he was an honor
10 graduate of Monroe Area High and the University of Georgia, where he graduated *magna*
11 *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in zoology in 1976 and continued his education at the
12 Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry in Augusta, where he earned his Doctor of
13 Dental Medicine degree in 1980; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor opened his dental practice in Monroe in 1981, where he practiced
15 and provided dental care to thousands of patients over the course of nearly 40 years, during
16 which he served as a trustee of the Georgia Dental Association; president of the Eastern
17 District Dental Society; a dedicated member of the American Dental Association, Hinman
18 Dental Society, and Clarke County Dental Society; and fellow of the Academy of General
19 Dentistry; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's commitment to the Monroe community, both personally and
21 professionally, is further demonstrated by his service to the Boy Scouts of America. He was
22 an Eagle Scout with Troop 81 in Monroe and helped to found Troop 705. He served for many
23 years as a member of the executive board of directors for the Northeast Georgia Council of

24 the Boy Scouts of America, for which he was bestowed with both the District Award of
25 Merit and the Silver Beaver Award; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's civic leadership roles included serving on the Monroe City
27 Council; the Walton County Development Authority; as chairperson of the Monroe Utilities
28 Network; as president of the Monroe Rotary Club; and as president of On Stage Inc.; as well
29 as with various local student and parent-teacher organizations. He was also recognized as
30 both a Paul Harris and Will Watt fellow; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor had a passion for hunting with his Boykin spaniels and was a
32 devoted family man to his wife, Kathy, and their daughters, Kelly and Kristen.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. S. Craig Taylor and
35 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Dr. S. Craig Taylor.