

House Resolution 123

By: Representatives Smith of the 18th, Kelley of the 16th, Momtahan of the 17th, and Collins of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William "Pete" Bridges; 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 William "Pete" Bridges on December 26, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, William "Pete" Bridges was born on August 4, 1941, in Tallapoosa, Georgia,
5 a beloved son of Martha Mae Odom and Robert Franklin Bridges; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army from 1958 to 1962; during this time, he competed in the United States Army
8 Pistol Team, placing second overall in rapid fire; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Pete was an active member of Our Lady of
10 Perpetual Help Catholic Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and was blessed with
12 two remarkable children, Sheryl and William; two wonderful grandsons, Cole and Carson;
13 and a host of outstanding nieces and nephews; and

14 WHEREAS, the longest serving mayor in the history of Tallapoosa, Pete was a longtime
15 member of the Tallapoosa Lion's Club who represented the citizens of Tallapoosa through
16 his work with the Georgia Municipal Association and served on many committees; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Pete will long be remembered for his love
24 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
25 knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William "Pete" Bridges
28 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of William "Pete" Bridges.