

House Resolution 1337

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Colonel Stephon Calhoun, Sr., (Ret); and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Lieutenant Colonel Stephon Calhoun, Sr., (Ret) on February 25, 2024;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Stephon Calhoun, Sr., (Ret) was born in Mitchell County,
7 Georgia, a beloved son of Cleophus Calhoun, Jr., and Ola Mae Calhoun; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from Mitchell-Baker High School with the class of 1985, attended
9 Albany State College (now Albany State University) where he received a B.S. Degree in
10 Criminal Justice in 1991; and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States
11 Army the same year; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
13 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during eight
14 deployments, including combat tours to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait, and retiring as a
15 lieutenant colonel; and

16 WHEREAS, he graduated from the following military schools: Advance Military Studies,
17 Basic Amor Officer Course, Combat Arms Service Staff School, Scout Platoon Leaders
18 Course, and the prestigious Command and General Staff College and also earned the Coveted
19 Parachutist Badge commonly known as "Jump Wings" in 1991 after completing rigorous
20 training at Fort Moore; and

21 WHEREAS, during his stellar military career as he received the following awards: two
22 Bronze Star Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals,
23 two Army Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, a Joint Service
24 Achievement Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, a Global War on
25 Terrorism Service Medal, a Korean Defense Service Medal, an Army Service Medal, an
26 Overseas Service Medal, and a plethora of other recognition and awards; and

27 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he joined Mount Pleasant Baptist in Mitchell
28 County at a very early age and was a faithful and dedicated member of Sightseeing Road
29 Chapel at Fort Moore, Georgia, where he led and was very active with the "Marriage
30 Enrichment Ministry" and taught Sunday School; and

31 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Tangela Calhoun, and was
32 blessed with three remarkable children, Elyse, Stephon, Jr., and Stedman; and a wonderful
33 grandson, Shaun; and

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

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
38 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
39 knowing him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Colonel
42 Stephon Calhoun, Sr. (Ret) and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 family of Lieutenant Colonel Stephon Calhoun, Sr. (Ret).