

## House Resolution 1395

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James "Jim" Alvin Gudger; 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 James "Jim" Alvin Gudger on August 31, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jim was born on August 14, 1919, in Ellijay, Georgia, a beloved son of William  
5 and Lilly Gudger; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army Air Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during  
8 World War II and being stationed at various times in Egypt, Tunisia, Sicily, Corsica,  
9 Palestine, and Italy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Jim was an active member of Mountaintown  
11 Baptist Church; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he worked for the Gilmer tax office for ten years, taught school at Pleasant Gap  
13 for two years, and worked as a mail carrier for the United States Post Office; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Opal, and was blessed with three  
15 remarkable children, Janet, Ronald, and Robert; six wonderful grandchildren, Kimberly,  
16 Brent, Jonathan, Seth, Caroline, and Ethan; and three incredible great-grandchildren,  
17 Kendall, Morgan, and Brooklyn; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Jim will long be remembered for his love  
25 of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of 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 James "Jim" Alvin Gudger  
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 James "Jim" Alvin Gudger.