

## House Resolution 168

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Harden of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>, and Barr of the 103<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr.; 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 Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr., on May 28, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Wyc was born in Tifton, Georgia, a beloved son of Emogene Gaskins Orr and  
5 John Hughes Orr, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Wyc graduated from Tift County High School in 1964, where he was an  
7 outstanding baseball and basketball player and delivered the valedictory address; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Wyc was an active member of Gainesville  
9 First Methodist Church for 40 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Wyc was united in love and marriage to Lyn Harden Orr and was blessed with  
11 two remarkable children, Kristine Orr Brown and Eston Wycliffe Orr, Jr., and four wonderful  
12 grandchildren, Jacqueline, Caroline, Anne Marie, and William; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he cherished his family and was a bedrock on whom his loved ones could  
14 always count, and he thoroughly enjoyed being a grandfather as much as anything on earth;  
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, he earned a B.S. with high honors from Auburn University, graduating first in  
17 his business school class. He also earned a J.D. from the University of Tennessee College  
18 of Law, where he also graduated first in his class; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he practiced law for 43 years, including service as a captain in the United States  
20 Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, West Germany, followed by 40 years of private

21 practice. As a legal advocate, Wyc focused on providing representation for the poor, injured,  
22 those treated unjustly, and individuals less fortunate than himself; and

23 WHEREAS, Wyc served on the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors, founding and  
24 presiding over the Chattahoochee American Inn of Court, which was renamed the E.  
25 Wycliffe Orr, Sr., Inn of Court; and

26 WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1989 to  
27 1993, was vice chairman of Common Cause Georgia, served on the University of Tennessee  
28 College of Law Alumni Advisory Council, and was a member of the Auburn Alumni  
29 Association Board of Directors; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Wyc will long be remembered for his love  
31 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had  
32 the great fortune of knowing him.

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 Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr,  
35 Sr., and 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
38 family of Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr.