

House Resolution 379

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Parrish of the 158th, Oliver of the 82nd, Stephens of the 164th, Abrams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Bryan Poythress; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Lt. Gen. David Bryan Poythress on January 15, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. David Bryan Poythress was born on October 24, 1943, in Macon,
6 Georgia, a beloved son of John and Dorothy Poythress; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Air Force, proving to be a brilliant and able judge advocate officer for 31 years,
9 retiring as Brigadier General; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Poythress led an accomplished civilian life as well, serving as Georgia
11 Secretary of State, Labor Commissioner, Adjutant General, Assistant Attorney General, and
12 Deputy State Revenue Commissioner; and

13 WHEREAS, he held several local and national leadership positions, including Vice
14 Chairman of the Board of National Guard Association of the United States and member of
15 the Board of Directors of Jobs for America's Graduates; and

16 WHEREAS, a well-rounded individual, Lt. Gen. Poythress was a Rotarian, a Mason, a
17 member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the USO, and the Sigma Chi
18 Fraternity; and

19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of Peachtree Road
20 United Methodist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Elizabeth, and was blessed with
22 three remarkable children, Cullen, Candace, and Kristin, eight wonderful grandchildren, and
23 one terrific great-grandchild; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lt. Gen. Poythress will long be
31 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great
32 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 Lt. Gen. David Bryan
35 Poythress 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Bryan Poythress.