

House Resolution 411

By: Representative Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Alton W. Lawson; 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 Alton W. Lawson on February 17, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Alton W. Lawson was born on July 8, 1935, in Swainsboro, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of Alton B. and Lincie Dee Powell Lawson; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia
7 National Guard for 33 years, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans,
8 retiring as a brigadier general; and

9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Alton was an active member of First Baptist
10 Church of Swainsboro, where he served on the active deacon committee; and

11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Martha Jane, and was blessed
12 with two remarkable children, Al and Donna; seven wonderful grandchildren, Sammi, Liz,
13 Kimber, Katie, Kara, Raven, and Logan; and six superb great-grandchildren, Braydon,
14 Alyssa, Mercer, Kennedy, Palmer, Dax; and

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

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Alton W. Lawson and
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Alton W. Lawson.