

## House Resolution 49

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>, and Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Freeman Montgomery; 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 Freeman Montgomery on January 15, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Freeman Montgomery was born on January 16, 1938, in Monroe County,  
5 Georgia, a beloved son of Seaborn Lafayette and Emmie Lou Montgomery; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and was blessed with  
7 three remarkable children, Richard, Robert, and Roger; five wonderful grandchildren; and  
8 nine outstanding great-grandchildren; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in his lifetime, he fulfilled his dreams of becoming a farmer, business owner,  
10 and public servant through hard work and determination; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
12 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced  
13 dramatically by his 50 years of superlative service as the longest serving Talbot County  
14 commissioner; and

15 WHEREAS, as county commissioner, he accomplished many progressive improvements to  
16 his community, including the installation of seven fire stations staffed by volunteer fire  
17 departments, an ambulance service with trained medical staff, and a federally funded health  
18 center; and

19 WHEREAS, he also implemented a public library that is used by many for its books,  
20 computers, and internet availability; a countywide garbage service; a countywide water  
21 system; a nutrition center for the elderly; and countless other improvements; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Freeman Montgomery will long be  
29 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
30 had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Freeman Montgomery and  
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
36 family of Freeman Montgomery.