

House Resolution 493

By: Representative Kirby of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jere Walter Johnson; 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 Jere Walter Johnson on March 4, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jere Walter Johnson was born on January 9, 1942, a beloved son of Walter and
5 Sarah Johnson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man who dedicated his life to public service, he served as a justice of the
7 peace in Centerville, Georgia; as the Gwinnett County commissioner of District 3; and as the
8 Georgia state representative of District 84; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as a Georgia state representative, he served with distinction on the Ways and
10 Means, Appropriations, and Natural Resources committees; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Gwinnett County commissioner, he was instrumental in the
12 building of Tribble Mill Park, the Gwinnett Medical Center, the Gwinnett County
13 Courthouse, and Gwinnett Tech; and

14 WHEREAS, he was additionally involved in the ongoing development of Briscoe Field as
15 well as the creation of a county-run ambulance service and a new jail for Gwinnett County;
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17 WHEREAS, a dedicated member of not only his state but also his community, he lent his
18 operational expertise to numerous boards, departments, and authorities in Gwinnett County;
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20 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Virginia, and was blessed with
21 two remarkable daughters, Julie and Dodie, as well as six wonderful grandchildren, Joshua,
22 Amanda, Zachary, Mack, Sarah, and Mikayla; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and deed,
24 he was an active member of Rockbridge Baptist Church in Centerville, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Jere Walter Johnson will long be
26 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Jere Walter Johnson and
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Jere Walter Johnson.