

House Resolution 718

By: Representative Jasperse of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert Lewis Payne; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Robert
3 Lewis Payne on March 14, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne was highly regarded by the citizens of this state and by his
5 community for his service in many leadership roles for businesses and organizations, as well
6 as for his unparalleled love for his wife, children, and grandchildren; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne was born in the Whitestone Community on August 12, 1939, to John
8 Lloyd and Erma Dale Payne; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he attended Talking Rock Elementary School and Pickens High School and
10 graduated from North Georgia College with a degree in business administration in 1961; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne served in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Rucker,
12 Alabama, and then in the United States Army Reserves, from which he was honorably
13 discharged with the rank of captain; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne was a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne loved to play baseball, grew up playing with his lifelong friends in
16 Whitestone, and was a four-year letterman at North Georgia College; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne worked in many businesses in Jasper, including Jasper Banking
18 Company, Lawson Chevrolet, Moore Insurance, and Amicalola Electric Membership
19 Corporation, from where he retired as CEO in 2007; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Jasper and an avid
21 collector of coins as a member of the Jasper Coin Club; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne's greatest joy in life was his beloved wife, his children and
23 grandchildren, and his extended family and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
25 Georgian be recognized as an outstanding individual, family man, and business leader in the
26 State of Georgia.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert Lewis Payne
29 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Mr. Robert Lewis Payne.