

House Resolution 79

By: Representative Smith of the 18<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Judge Harold Loyd Murphy; 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 Judge Harold Loyd Murphy on December 28, 2022, at the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Harold Loyd Murphy was born in the small community of Felton,  
5 Georgia, a beloved son of James Loyd Murphy and Gladys McBrayer Murphy; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War  
8 II; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, Judge Harold Loyd  
10 Murphy served five consecutive terms as part of the Georgia House of Representatives  
11 before stepping down from politics in 1961 to focus on practicing law; and

12 WHEREAS, during his professional career, he established himself as one of the premier trial  
13 lawyers in the State of Georgia and built a thriving practice within the cities of Buchanan and  
14 Tallapoosa; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1971, he was appointed by Governor Jimmy Carter to the Superior Court for  
16 the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, and following his election in 1976, President Carter  
17 nominated him to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, during his 45 years of distinguished service, he served his country on the federal  
19 bench and became an acclaimed jurist and legal icon with a stellar reputation that extended  
20 far beyond the State of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Jacqueline, and was blessed with  
22 two remarkable sons, Mark and Paul, as well as four wonderful grandchildren, Laura, David,  
23 Joseph, and Blake; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Judge Harold Loyd Murphy will long be  
28 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
29 had the great fortune of knowing him.

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

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 family of Judge Harold Loyd Murphy.