

House Resolution 829

By: Representative Greene of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Leon Edgar Butts, Jr., "Sonny"; 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 Leon Edgar Butts, Jr., "Sonny" on November 20, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Leon Edgar Butts, Jr., was born on February 18, 1929, a beloved son of Leon
5 and Augusta Butts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
8 Korean War; and
- 9 WHEREAS, an avid football fan, Sonny attended and played football at the University of
10 Georgia and the University of Tennessee, won the Golden Glove tournament in 1947, served
11 on the Lumpkin City Council, and was self-employed as a day trader; and
- 12 WHEREAS, from 1957 to 1959, Sonny diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable
13 hours of his time and energy in the Georgia State Senate representing the counties of Stewart,
14 Webster, and Quitman; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Mary Alice "Judy," and was
16 blessed with three remarkable children, Keith, Randall, and Lisa; six wonderful
17 grandchildren, Randall, Kenneth, Amanda, William, Rebecca, and Hollis; and four
18 outstanding great-grandchildren, Grady, Mary, Amelia, and Tomlinson; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Sonny will long be remembered for his
26 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
27 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 Leon Edgar Butts, Jr.,
30 "Sonny" and 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 Leon Edgar Butts, Jr.