

## House Resolution 118

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>, and Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Edwin "Ed" Burnette; 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 Dr. Edwin "Ed" Burnette, on January 13, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Burnette, the beloved son of the late Byron "Riley" and Daisy Bomar  
5 Burnette, was born on June 5, 1932, in Douglas County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended Georgia State University and went on to obtain a Bachelor of  
7 Science degree from the University of Georgia; he worked as a bacteriologist for the Georgia  
8 Department of Public Health before earning his DDS degree from Emory Dental School in  
9 1961; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Burnette protected his fellow Americans and fought to preserve liberty and  
11 freedom by serving in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Elaine, and was blessed with  
13 two remarkable children, Karen and Ken, and a superb grandson, Parker; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Burnette was a faithful member of  
15 Gainesville First United Methodist Church; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Dr. Burnette diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
17 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
18 dramatically by his superlative service as director of the Green Warren Dental Clinic of the  
19 Good News Medical & Dental Clinics and his tireless work with local civic organizations,  
20 including the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club; and

21 WHEREAS, he received many awards and accolades for his civic work, including, in 2009,  
22 the Gainesville/Hall County Rotary Club "Man of the Year" award; and

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Edwin "Ed" Burnette  
31 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 family of Dr. Edwin "Ed" Burnette.