

House Resolution 1304

By: Representatives Williams of the 148th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jenkins of the 136th, Burns of the 159th, and Cannon of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Brigadier General John C. "Doc" Bahnsen Jr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished and
4 decorated combat veterans with the passing of Brigadier General John C. "Doc" Bahnsen Jr.
5 on February 21, 2024; and

6 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Bahnsen was born on November 8, 1934, in Albany,
7 Georgia, a beloved son of John C. Sr. and Evelyn Williams Bahnsen; and

8 WHEREAS, choosing to serve in the infantry upon graduation from West Point, Brigadier
9 General Bahnsen spent the next several years earning his pilot wings in fixed-wing aircraft
10 and honors in tank warfare before becoming an instructor in the Armor School, where he
11 taught armored and air cavalry tactics; and

12 WHEREAS, after attending the Army Command and General Staff College, he led "The
13 Bandits," an attack helicopter and ground combat command, in Vietnam from 1964 to 1965;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, his two years of service as a Pentagon staff officer was directly followed by his
16 return to Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, where he commanded the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored
17 Cavalry Regiment, and faced over 300 enemy contacts in a year under the leadership of Col.
18 George S. Patton; and

19 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Bahnsen's exemplary service was recognized through 18
20 decorations for valor, including the Distinguished Service Cross, five Silver Stars, four
21 Legions of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Purple Hearts, and many more;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Peggy, and was blessed with
24 five remarkable children, Chris, Jimi, LeeAnne, Minh, and Bradley, as well as 12 wonderful
25 grandchildren, Lauren, Derrick, J.B., Lana, Andrew, Bradlee, Lea, John Sen, Apsara,
26 William, Brooks, and Wilson; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Brigadier General John C. "Doc" Bahnsen
28 Jr. will long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be
29 missed by all who 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 Brigadier General John C.
32 "Doc" Bahnsen Jr. 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 Brigadier General John C. "Doc" Bahnsen Jr.