

House Resolution 1352

By: Representatives Greene of the 151st, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 145th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Richard Spencer Mueller; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2020, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
3 distinguished citizens with the untimely passing of Richard Spencer Mueller; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all
5 his endeavors and whose primary concern was the proper operation of county governments
6 of Georgia, and his unparalleled work ethic epitomized perfectly the ideal and true spirit of
7 public service; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this beloved individual exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
9 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties throughout his
10 career of peerless public service as county administrator from 1985 to 1989 for Early County;
11 later for Clay County and Georgetown-Quitman County; and again, since August of 2015,
12 for Early County; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he also served with honor and distinction as District 8 and District 10
14 Representative for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs from 1998 to 2009; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave unstintingly of his time, talents, and energy through his unwavering
16 support of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Internship Program and his
17 willingness to mentor others in county government operations and administration; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the members of county governing authorities who worked closely with Spencer
19 will always admire his consistently thorough consideration of the many complex matters
20 presented to county government, and his knowledge, integrity, and reliability rightfully
21 earned him their honor, respect, and trust over the years; and

22 WHEREAS, he consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of
23 sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly developed a reputation as an equitable,
24 impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play and
25 whose actions were marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

26 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
27 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
28 of Georgia's counties earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, his unselfish nature was exemplified by his sterling service as President of the
31 Georgia County Managers Association and his membership in the Rotary Club; and

32 WHEREAS, one quickly runs out of sufficiently descriptive superlative adjectives when
33 attempting to describe Spencer's enlightened mastery of public administration, his total
34 professionalism while shaping and guiding sound public policy, and his absolute integrity
35 and loyalty in laboring on behalf of Georgia's counties; and

36 WHEREAS, he was the devoted spouse of his sweetheart, Gail Swasey Mueller, for over 50
37 years; the loving father of his two sons, Clint and Jeff; and the joyous grandfather of Andrew,
38 Mason, Kristen, Lily, Abigail, and Elizabeth; and

39 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary attainments of this
40 exceptional and singular statesman be recognized appropriately and that suitable tribute be
41 paid to an exceptional Georgian for the many years of impartial, well-reasoned, and
42 enlightened service that he has rendered on behalf of the state and its citizens; and

43 WHEREAS, although the untimely passing of this gentle and loving man leaves an unfillable
44 void in the hearts, souls, and lives of his family and friends, through the extraordinary
45 example he made of his life and through his selfless efforts, he made his life one that
46 mattered and he made this world a better place.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
48 the members of this body express their deepest, most sincere, and profound regret to the
49 family of Richard Spencer Mueller at his untimely passing; commend him for the three and
50 one-half decades of effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated service that he rendered on

51 behalf of county governments in this state; and extend the utmost appreciation for his having
52 so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public service.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
54 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
55 family of Richard Spencer Mueller.