

## House Resolution 1648

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Stinson of the 150<sup>th</sup>, Greene of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Julian Ward Edwards; 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 Julian Ward Edwards on March 24, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born in Howard, Georgia, on February 28, 1930, Julian Ward Edwards' birth  
5 was celebrated by his father and grandfather with a night-time bonfire so large it was visible  
6 in Butler; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
8 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans and reaching  
9 the rank of sergeant; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his exemplary political career spanned 26 years in the Georgia House of  
11 Representatives, during which time he held roles such as majority whip and majority caucus  
12 secretary, contributed to various committees, and served as a delegate to the Democratic  
13 National Convention; and

14 WHEREAS, after his legislative career, he was elected to the Georgia Department of  
15 Transportation Board, where he served as vice chair and advocated for transportation  
16 improvements in middle Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Julian Ward Edwards was united in love and marriage to his wife of 64 years,  
18 Billie, and the two were blessed with one remarkable daughter, Hallie; 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, Julian Ward Edwards will long be  
26 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
27 had the great fortune of knowing 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 Julian Ward Edwards and  
30 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 Julian Ward Edwards.