

House Resolution 173

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dennis A. Pitts; 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 Dennis A. Pitts on May 24, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Pitts was an active member of First Baptist
5 Church of Gainesville, where he enjoyed being a part of the Angler's Sunday School class;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Jane Pirkle Pitts, and was blessed with
8 many loving friends and family members, including his parents, Bobby Lee Pitts and Polly
9 Algood Pitts, his siblings, multiple nieces and nephews, and his best friend, Lieutenant
10 Governor Casey Cagle; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Dennis Pitts became the President and CFO of Minit Save Food Stores and Pitts
12 Management Company following his graduation from Johnson High School in 1973; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he made history in 1994 when he became the first Republican elected to the
14 Hall County Board of Commissioners, where he served for two terms before going into the
15 real estate industry; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts joined the office of Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle in 2007 as the
17 North Georgia field representative, then became the Lieutenant Governor's Chief Economic
18 Development Officer; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, running, swimming,
20 and cycling; and

21 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
23 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dennis A. Pitts will long be remembered
28 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband and friend will be missed by all
29 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 Dennis A. Pitts and
32 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 family of Dennis A. Pitts.