

House Resolution 203

By: Representatives England of the 116th, Benton of the 31st, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Don Panoz; 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. Don Panoz in September, 2018, at age 83, leaving his wife and six
4 children; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Panoz was a champion featherweight boxer, a graduate of Greenbrier
8 Military School in West Virginia, and a graduate of Duquesne University; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Panoz was a citizen of the world whose business acumen is credited with
13 a \$4 billion impact on Northeast Georgia; he cofounded Mylan Pharmaceuticals, which
14 invented time-release medication through a transdermal patch; and

15 WHEREAS, he created the Elan Corporation as an industry leader in drug delivery products
16 and technology, and it became the first Irish company to be listed on the United States Stock
17 Exchange; and

18 WHEREAS, while on the Georgia Chamber's "Red Carpet Tour of Georgia," Dr. Panoz
19 discovered that the soil in Braselton, Georgia, is especially conducive to growing Muscadine
20 grapes; he purchased 3,500 acres and founded the Chateau Elan Winery & Resort, a
21 world-class destination and neighborhood; and

22 WHEREAS, his business ingenuity led him to found the Diablo Grande Winery in
23 California, the St. Andrews Bay Resort in Scotland, water pollution control firm
24 HydroMentia, and NanoLumens, an LED display manufacturer; and

25 WHEREAS, his love for motorsports is legendary, as he founded Panoz Auto Development,
26 Panoz Motorsports, the American Le Mans Series, and owned Road Atlanta, Sebring
27 International Raceway, and Mosport International Raceway in Canada; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Panoz was a visionary with a restless spirit and a gentleman who never
29 forgot the southern hospitality of his adopted hometown of Braselton; he was generous in
30 his community and philanthropic spirit; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Panoz will long be remembered for his
32 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
33 fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Don Panoz and express
36 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
39 family of Dr. Don Panoz.