

## House Resolution 216

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, LaHood of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Byron "Maxey" Powell; 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 Byron "Maxey" Powell on February 3, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Maxey was born on June 13, 1933, in Gainesville, Florida, and moved with his  
5 family to Thomasville, Georgia, in the 1940s; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans from 1956 to 1962  
8 aboard the *USS Saratoga*; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Maxey was an active member of First  
10 Presbyterian Church where he served as an usher; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Jean Brown, and was blessed  
12 with two remarkable sons, Ray and David; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Maxey gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep  
14 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he  
15 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
17 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
18 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Maxey will long be remembered for his  
20 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
21 fortune of knowing him.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Byron "Maxey" Powell  
24 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 family of Byron "Maxey" Powell.