

House Resolution 221

By: Representatives Williams of the 148th, Ralston of the 7th, Hogan of the 179th, England of the 116th, and McCall of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jay E. Leger; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Jay E. Leger on September 23, 1991; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jay E. Leger was born on November 25, 1896, in Knox County, Kentucky, a
5 beloved son of the late W.J. and Mary Hannah Ley Leger; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the armed
7 forces of the United States, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans
8 during World War I; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Jay attended the University of Kentucky and received a Bachelor of Science
10 degree from the University of Georgia; his early career was as an agriculture school teacher,
11 but he went on to work as an agriculture county agent and later as Irwin County's first Farm
12 Bureau insurance agent; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he promoted using hybrid corn seed, proper fertilization, and improved
14 cultivation methods through demonstrations and 4-H Club corn contests; using his methods,
15 4-H members were able to produce more than 100 bushels of corn per acre, and the
16 membership of the Irwin County 4-H Club grew to 451 members, many of whom are now
17 today's outstanding farmers; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Jay established his own company, Jay's Garden Center, where he continued to
19 promote agriculture as he shipped grapes and blueberry plants across the Southeast; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of Ocilla Baptist
21 Church, where he served as a deacon; and

22 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Myrneth, and they were blessed
23 with two remarkable children, James and Dorothy, and eight wonderful grandchildren; and

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

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
29 made Georgia a better place in which to live; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Jay E. Leger.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Jay E. Leger.