

House Resolution 3EX

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Hatchett of the 150th, Kelley of the 16th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of John Meadows; 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 Representative John Meadows; and

4 WHEREAS, John Meadows was long recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role
5 that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens
6 of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he proudly served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
8 United States Marine Corps; and

9 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
10 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
11 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Calhoun City Council, Mayor of
12 Calhoun, president of the Georgia Municipal Association from 1995 to 1996, and six-term
13 Representative of the 5th District; and

14 WHEREAS, his strong desire to be involved in the future of his community and longing to
15 pay them back for supporting him and his family led him to the Georgia General Assembly;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, numerous roles in civic involvement and committee memberships led to his role
18 as Chairman of the House Rules Committee; 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, John Meadows' significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
26 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
27 this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates and truly
28 defined the meaning of public service; and

29 WHEREAS, his prowess at golf and dedication to the game allowed him many opportunities
30 for fellowship with others; and

31 WHEREAS, his dedication to his community and state was surpassed only by his devotion
32 to his wife, Marie, his two remarkable children, B.J. and Missy, and his three wonderful
33 grandchildren, Will, Patrick, and Maxwell; and

34 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, John Meadows will long be remembered
35 for his love of family, friendship, and public service and will be missed by all who had the
36 great fortune of knowing him.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of John Meadows and express
39 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 family of John Meadows.