

House Resolution 5

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Smyre of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the mezzanine located at the southern portion of the Capitol under the
2 jurisdiction of the House of Representatives between the third and fourth floors as the
3 John Meadows Mezzanine; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
5 citizens with last year's passing of Representative John Meadows; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
12 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
13 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Calhoun City Council, Mayor of
14 Calhoun, and as six-term Representative of the 5th District; and

15 WHEREAS, his strong desire to be proactively involved in the future of his community and
16 his longing to repay the support he and his family received piloted him to the Georgia
17 General Assembly; and

18 WHEREAS, his extensive civic involvement and committee memberships led to his role as
19 Chairman of the House Rules Committee; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, John Meadows's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
27 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
28 this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates and truly
29 defined the meaning of public service; and

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

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

36 WHEREAS, the mezzanine in which his final legislative office was located shall forever
37 carry and represent the spirit of his public service, devotion, and patriotism.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body designate the mezzanine located at the southern portion of the
40 Capitol under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives between the third and fourth
41 floors as the John Meadows Mezzanine in honor and in solemn memory of John Meadows
42 and authorize the placement of an appropriate plaque so designating such mezzanine.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 family of John Meadows.