

## House Resolution 544

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Greene of the 151<sup>st</sup>, Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 133<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William Lee "Billy" Rogers, Jr.; 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 William Lee "Billy" Rogers, Jr., on July 4, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, William Lee "Billy" Rogers, Jr., was born on November 17, 1946, in Atlanta,  
5 Georgia, a beloved son of William Lee, Sr., and Eugenia Wellborn Rogers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Billy was a 1964 graduate of Gainesville High School, where he was active in  
7 sports and academics and served as Student Council President his senior year; he went on to  
8 attend Emory University for his undergraduate degree, where he met his wife, Mary Kelly  
9 Rogers, and became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, after which he attended  
10 the University of Georgia Law School; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after graduating from law school, Billy practiced law with Whelchel, Dunlap,  
12 Jarrard, and Walker, and over the course of his career, he served as president of the United  
13 Way of Hall County, president of the Gainesville Northeast Georgia Bar Association,  
14 president of the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville, and board member of Chattahoochee Bank of  
15 Georgia; after 40 years of practicing law, Billy entered a new chapter of his life when he was  
16 appointed commissioner of the Georgia Real Estate and Appraisers Board; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Billy was an active, lifelong member of  
18 Gainesville First United Methodist Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Mary Kelly Rogers, and was  
20 blessed with three remarkable children, Lee, Robert, and Meg; and five wonderful  
21 grandchildren, Sara, Maggie, Annie, William, and Virginia; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Billy will long be remembered for his love  
29 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
30 knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William Lee "Billy"  
33 Rogers, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
36 family of William Lee "Billy" Rogers, Jr.