

A RESOLUTION

By: Representative Karla Drenner - District 85
Georgia House of Representatives

Honoring the life and memory of Ray Kent Belcher; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Ray Kent Belcher was born to Cephus and Stella Belcher on August 2, 1924. He had a fascination with radios and built his own as a boy; and

WHEREAS, he was drafted into World War II in 1942 and served as a radio man in the European theater, particularly in the North African and Italian campaigns; and

WHEREAS, he moved to Atlanta in late 1947. He was a graduate of John Marshall Law School and attended some classes at Georgia Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, he decided to start his own business in the small town of Avondale Estates, and on October 1, 1948, he opened Ray's Radio and Record Shop, doing all the two-way radio work for DeKalb County police and paramedics from the early 1950s until the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, he and his family opened a Native American gallery in 1972 because of his heritage from his Native American mother; and

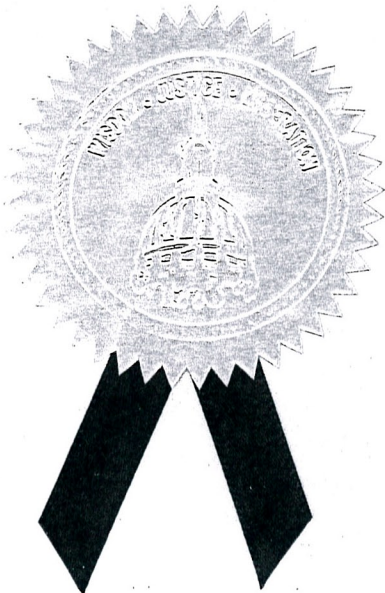
WHEREAS, since 1948, the family business has been in three locations, has had five name changes and four spin-off businesses, and still remains open, with his name above the door to honor his legacy; and

WHEREAS, he married in November, 1952, and was married for more than 50 years until his death in 2005; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man touched many different people's lives and was a very giving and open hearted man who is dearly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the life and memory of Ray Kent Belcher are hereby honored.

So resolved, this 27th day of August, 2014.



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