

Senate Resolution 875

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to George Lester Cowart; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, George Lester Cowart was a descendant of one of Tattnall County's founding
3 families who contributed significantly to his community throughout his life and donated the
4 tracts of land for the Reidsville City Cemetery; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 17, 1900, married the former Mammie Hunt, and was
6 the father of six children: Ruth Tyson, Louise Spinnato, Edward Cowart, Lester Cowart, Jr.,
7 Jack Cowart, and June Cowart, who have endeavored to follow his community service; and

8 WHEREAS, in January of 1944, he purchased the Joe Adamson Farm which contained a
9 cemetery known as the Adamson Cemetery; and in 1948 he donated a major parcel of 5.5
10 acres to the City of Reidsville for the city cemetery and followed over the years with
11 additional land for Oak Street and other rights of way to access the cemetery; and

12 WHEREAS, the generosity of this gentleman who did business on a handshake was well
13 known to the community and reflects his substantial connections to its history and to the
14 well-being of his fellow citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, George Lester Cowart passed from this life on December 30, 1993, and his gifts
16 and civic leadership are a treasured legacy that are known, valued, and honored by many.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 pay tribute to George Lester Cowart for his exemplary community spirit in granting the land
19 for the Reidsville City Cemetery and convey to his family their admiration and respect for
20 this distinguished Georgian.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Cowart family members.