

## Senate Resolution 921

By: Senators Hooks of the 14th, Starr of the 44th, Walker of the 22nd and Johnson of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 In tribute to Honorable Hugh Marion Gillis and providing for the placement of a portrait of  
2 him; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Hugh Marion Gillis, our distinguished colleague and dear friend, has  
4 attained a distinction achieved by no other member of the Georgia House or the Senate, and  
5 he is the only state legislator in the nation to complete 54 years of legislative service; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Gillis followed a proud family tradition of public service that was  
7 begun by his grandfather, Neil Lee Gillis, who was known as the "Father of Treutlen  
8 County"; and

9 WHEREAS, he is the son of Lois Walker Gillis and James Lester Gillis of Soperton,  
10 Georgia, who served in the House while his father served in the Senate and who, in 1923,  
11 won the seat that his father had left in 1916, and was elected President Pro Tem without  
12 opposition; and

13 WHEREAS, Hugh Gillis served 12 years as a member of the House of Representatives from  
14 1941-44, and again from 1949-56, and he first served in the Senate from the 16th District in  
15 1957-58 and returned as the Senator from the 20th in 1963, where he has served with  
16 dedication and diligence for 39 consecutive years; and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of his sterling reputation, his colleagues in this body elected him  
18 President Pro Tem of the Senate from 1970 to 1974, the same post his father had held in  
19 1923; and

20 WHEREAS, this statesman has also been prominent as a progressive farmer and  
21 businessman, and few could surpass the quality of leadership and public service of our  
22 genteel Senator from the 20th with whom we have had the pleasure to serve.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize Honorable Hugh Marion Gillis as the most senior member of the Georgia General  
3 Assembly and express their heartfelt admiration and respect for this exemplary trustee of the  
4 people.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is authorized the placement of a portrait of  
6 Honorable Hugh Marion Gillis at an appropriate place on the third floor of the capitol under  
7 the jurisdiction of the Senate to be determined by the Senate Administrative Affairs  
8 Committee as a tribute to his outstanding career of public service to the Senate and the  
9 people of Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Hugh Marion Gillis and  
12 members of his family.