

_____ offered the following substitute to
SR 497:

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the "Herman Jones Memorial Forensic Science Complex" at the Georgia Bureau
2 of Investigation; directing the placement of a portrait of Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., at the
3 Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville; and for other purposes.

4 Part I.

5 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Herman Jones was instrumental in establishing in Georgia in 1952
6 the second state-wide crime laboratory in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones served as the first director of the Georgia State Crime Laboratory as
8 well as the first state medical examiner; and

9 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all
10 his endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure as crime lab director, Dr. Jones worked diligently to
12 strengthen evidence against the criminal while working just as hard to protect the innocent;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones remained a calm, disinterested forensic scientist who set forth his
15 findings in court without prejudice; and

16 WHEREAS, he faithfully served the State of Georgia and its citizens until his retirement in
17 1972; and

18 WHEREAS, the year 2002 will be the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Georgia State
19 Crime Laboratory.

1 Part II.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., was privileged to serve this great nation during
3 World War II from December 31, 1942, to February 26, 1946, with overseas duty in the
4 Philippines; and

5 WHEREAS, he was in the retail business prior to and immediately after World War II, has
6 been continuously active in the insurance industry since December, 1951, and is currently
7 serving as Chairperson Emeritus of HRH-Turner, Wood & Smith Insurance Center in
8 Gainesville, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, he is a charter member of VFW Post 8452 in Gainesville, Georgia, and has been
10 a member since October, 1946; served as Post Commander and District Commander; served
11 as Commander of the State of Georgia in 1953-54; was a member of the All-American Team
12 and Commander of the Year of Department Commanders; and has been privileged to serve
13 on national appointments for over four decades, including service as National Chief of Staff,
14 Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee on two occasions, a member for many
15 years on the Legislative and VFW-PAC Committees, and Chairperson of the VFW-PAC
16 Committee on two occasions; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a life member of the VFW, the American Legion, and the DAV; and

18 WHEREAS, he is active in religious and community affairs, is an active member of the
19 Chicopee Baptist Church and the Rotary Club, is a past trustee of Gainesville College, and
20 a trustee and member of the executive committee of Truett McConnell College; and

21 WHEREAS, he served with distinction, dedication, and ability as a member of the House of
22 Representatives for 23 years, during which time he served as either chairperson or vice
23 chairperson of the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, following his retirement from the General Assembly, the state constructed a
25 150-bed nursing home for veterans in Milledgeville at a cost of over \$6 million and named
26 this outstanding facility the "Joe T. Wood Building"; and

27 WHEREAS, Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., has served for 13 years as legislative consultant
28 for the Medical Association of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, he was devoted to his late wife, Helen T. Wood, and is the father of an
2 outstanding son, Joe T. Wood, Jr., and the proud grandfather of Marinell and Trey Wood;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the Wood family has graciously made an oil painting of Honorable Joe T.
5 Wood, Sr., available to the State of Georgia.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 GEORGIA that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is authorized and directed to designate
8 the state crime laboratory annex of the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau
9 of Investigation as the "Herman Jones Memorial Forensic Science Complex" and to erect and
10 maintain an appropriate marker at the complex for such purposes.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Herman Jones.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize and commend
14 Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., for his many years of service to the State of Georgia and the
15 veterans of this nation and hereby direct that the portrait of Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr., be
16 placed in the entrance lobby of the Joe T. Wood Building at the Georgia War Veterans Home
17 in Milledgeville.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Honorable Joe T. Wood, Sr.,
20 and the commissioner of veterans affairs.