

Senate Resolution 1053

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd, Gillis of the 20th, Starr of the 44th and Walker of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Jim Hurt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
3 citizens with the untimely passing of Jim Hurt; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all
5 his endeavors and whose primary concern was the welfare and safety of the citizens of this
6 state; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this beloved gentleman exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
8 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties throughout his
9 career of peerless public service with the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs for over 25
10 years, most recently as staff attorney to the administrator and previously as the director of
11 the Consumers' Utility Counsel Division; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his tremendous commitment and efforts in support of fairness to consumers
13 resulted in 19 consumer protection laws, including an Act which made Georgia the only state
14 in which the consumer protection agency has the authority to issue cease and desist orders
15 prior to a hearing and a motor vehicle warranty rights Act which is among the strongest in
16 the nation; and
- 17 WHEREAS. Mr. Hurt also served as counsel for the administrator on the Georgia
18 Occupational Regulation Review Council, which examines the need for any new regulatory
19 scheme of the General Assembly to govern an industry; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Association of State Utility Consumer
21 Advocates and he was nationally recognized as a leader in consumer protection public
22 policy; and

1 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
2 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
3 of his community and state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
4 associates; and

5 WHEREAS, this compassionate, complex, and insightful man was beloved by the Governor,
6 Lieutenant Governor, and members of the General Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Hurt was not only an outstanding professional and community activist, he
8 was also a dedicated husband and loving father to his son and daughter; and

9 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this generous, kind, and devoted family man leaves an
10 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends across the state and especially
11 by Cobb countians.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
13 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Jim Hurt; commend the care,
14 courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication he exhibited in championing the cause of
15 consumer protection; and extend to his family their utmost appreciation for his having so
16 purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jim Hurt.