

Senate Resolution 179

By: Senators Cheeks of the 23rd, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 50th, Smith of the 25th,
Marable of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Perry Luther Streat; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2001, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
3 distinguished citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of Perry Luther Streat; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated public servant who strove for excellence in all his endeavors
5 and whose primary concern was the welfare and safety of the citizens of this state; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this exceptional individual exhibited outstanding leadership and meticulous
7 attention to detail in all his duties throughout his career of public service as a justice of the
8 peace and a member of the City Council for the City of Nicholls and through his membership
9 in the Nicholls Baptist Church, Georgia Cattlemen's Association, and the Woodmen of the
10 World; and
- 11 WHEREAS, this Coffee County native's trademark sayings will be long remembered. His
12 response to "How are you doing?" was always "About half way," and when asked how many
13 children he had, he always responded, "I have five boys and each of them have a sister,"
14 which led many persons who did not listen closely to believe that he had ten children instead
15 of his five boys and a girl; and
- 16 WHEREAS, with five boys, he had to have ingenuity to keep up with them. Because the
17 boys took so many of his tools and misplaced them, he painted a red circle around the handle
18 of every tool that he owned so that he could find them more easily; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he shared his life with his beloved wife of 62 years, Grace Lee Streat; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he lived his life on the simple premise of honesty in all dealings, whether it was
21 with his Maker, his family, his friends, the people he encountered, or himself; 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, the untimely passing of this generous, kind, and devoted family man leaves an
6 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Perry Luther Streat.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Perry Luther Streat.