

Senate Resolution 33EX2

By: Senators Cheeks of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Harbison of the 15<sup>th</sup> and Jackson of the 50<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Julian Hester; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Julian Hester will be long remembered as a dedicated business and community  
3 leader and as a most effective association executive for community bankers in Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was a native Georgian, born and reared in Washington where he returned  
5 following graduation from the University of Georgia and with his wife Lalia Bentley began  
6 a family and a long and prestigious career in the field of banking; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was with the Farmers and Merchants Bank for 15 years, became president  
8 of Habersham Bank in Clarkesville where he spent almost 12 years, and was extremely  
9 involved in the community and various civic and charitable organizations; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in organizing the Georgia Bankers Bank in 1984, which  
11 currently serves over 800 community financial institutions across the southeast; was  
12 appointed CEO of the Community Bankers Association in 1986, where he created a strong  
13 network throughout the state; and served as past president of the State Independent Banking  
14 Association Executives in recognition of his exceptional leadership and capability; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a gentleman and a respected friend to many and his beloved family will  
16 honor and cherish his memory forever.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 express deep regret at the passing of Julian Hester and convey their sincerest sympathy to the  
19 members of his family.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Julian Hester family.