

Senate Resolution 223

By: Senators Jackson of the 50th, Cagle of the 49th, Hudgens of the 47th and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Paying tribute to Honorable Allen Richard Kenyon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Honorable Allen Richard Kenyon was a distinguished Georgian and a highly
3 respected jurist who will be long remembered for the vital leadership role he played as a civil
4 rights advocate, environmental champion, and trusted public official; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was a Superior Court judge for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit from 1965
6 until his retirement in 1986, and his keen intellect, integrity, and fairness earned him the
7 esteem of his colleagues on the bench and the admiration of members of the State Bar; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as a member of the General Assembly in 1947-1948 and was
9 committed to the principles of racial equality long before it was safe or popular to take such
10 stands, and he actively advocated for the right to vote for all Georgians; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was decorated with the Silver and Bronze stars for his bravery in Italy and
12 France and received a U.S. Presidential Unit Citation and the Croix de Guerre; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his sensitivity to the needs of persons less fortunate led him to found the first
14 halfway house in the state, the first shelter for battered women, and one of the initial house
15 arrest programs, and he served as president of the Georgia Mental Health Association; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his exceptional community service and unswerving commitment to equality
17 influenced the lives of countless Georgians and improved the quality of life for many, and
18 his life and noble contributions to his native state and community will be honored forever.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body pays tribute to
20 Honorable Allen Richard Kenyon and conveys its deepest sympathy to his beloved family.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Kenyon family.