

Senate Resolution 366

By: Senator Kemp of the 46th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of John E. "Buck" Griffin, Jr., and expressing regret at his passing;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of John E. "Buck" Griffin, Jr., late of Athens, is received  
4 with deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 79 years rendered his name dear  
6 to the hearts of his family and fellow citizens alike; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Hazelhurst, he was awarded Bronze and Silver Stars and a Purple  
8 Heart for his role as a combat infantryman in World War II, having been one of only 108  
9 members of the 2nd Ranger Battalion who survived scaling the cliffs at La Pointe Du Hoc  
10 and seized German fortifications during the D-Day invasion on the Normandy beaches of  
11 France. Afterwards, he received his LL.B. degree from the University of Georgia in 1949  
12 and later received a J.D. degree from that institution in 1969. As a distinguished member of  
13 the bar, he practiced with the firm of Fortson, Bentley, and Griffin in Athens from 1955 until  
14 his death. He served as president of the Western Circuit Bar Association, chairman of the  
15 Georgia State Board of Bar Examiners, member of the Fitness Board of the State Bar of  
16 Georgia, and Amicus Curiae for the Georgia Supreme Court. In addition to his professional  
17 service, he also contributed greatly to his community and this state through leadership in  
18 numerous civic, educational, and church activities; and

19 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his son John E. Griffin III; but his wife of 52 years,  
20 Gwen W. Griffin; three daughters, Marcia Talmadge, Lisa Lindsey, and Mildred Grube; and  
21 five grandchildren survive him and cherish his memory; and

22 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow citizens, in his death we  
23 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 honor the memory of John E. "Buck" Griffin, Jr., and express their regret at his passing.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of John E. "Buck" Griffin, Jr.