

Expressing regret at the passing of Honorable William G. "Bill" Hasty, Sr.; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2003, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens in the untimely passing of Honorable William G. "Bill" Hasty, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, he served with unparalleled ability as a member of the House of Representatives for 12 years and as a member of the Senate for two years and faithfully represented the citizens of Cherokee County with great distinction, dedication, and ability; and

WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this deliberative body and his integrity and reliability earned him the honor, respect, and trust of his colleagues over the years; and

WHEREAS, he consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly developed a reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited the level of political activism and unselfish leadership ideally expected of public trustees in an effective, representative democracy, and his stewardship in the General Assembly was marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, this native son of Cherokee County diligently and conscientiously served his country with honor and distinction during World War II as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, this generous and humble man spent his entire life working for the public good as evidenced dramatically by service as a teacher, principal, school superintendent, deputy director of probation and parole for the Department of Corrections, and a member and chairperson of the State Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, his unselfish nature was exemplified further by his decades of service as a deacon of First Baptist Canton and as a member of the Masons, the Cherokee County Shrine Club, the American Legion, and the Canton Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this beloved individual leaves an unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, his foresight and forthright determination have brought unparalleled progress and a sense of destiny to the citizens of Cherokee County and the State of Georgia and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body, most especially those to whom he so freely imparted advice, encouragement, and friendship and who regard him with much admiration and respect, pay appropriate tribute to one of their finest and most distinguished colleagues for the many years of impartial, well-reasoned, and enlightened service he has rendered on behalf of this state and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the untimely passing of Honorable William G. "Bill" Hasty, Sr., and commend him for serving as an unmatched example of enlightened government and statesmanship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William G. "Bill" Hasty, Sr.

Senate Resolution 587

By: Senators Stephens of the 51st and Moody of the 27th

Adopted in the Senate January 16, 2004

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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