

Senate Resolution 592

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life, friendship, public service, and dedication to humanity of the late  
2 Representative Ralph Twiggs of Hiawassee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, first elected in 1973, Ralph Twiggs was an ardent advocate for his mountain  
4 constituents during an incredible 30 year span of service in the Georgia House of  
5 Representatives, and he passed away after a gallant struggle on September 17, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, a remarkable and intelligent businessperson, Twiggs was noted for his great  
7 quietness and for being very protective of what he held most dear: his family, friends,  
8 mountains, public safety needs, roads, and outdoor recreation opportunities and values; and

9 WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Zell Miller said, "Looking after his constituents and his family,  
10 Ralph Twiggs was as good as they come," and Representative DuBose Porter recalled,  
11 "Ralph was an institution who obviously loved where he was from," and Transportation  
12 Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl recalled, "Twiggs worked long and hard at everything he  
13 did"; and

14 WHEREAS, preferring a desk near the rear of the House chamber and rarely taking the well  
15 to speak on legislation, Twiggs was genuinely unconcerned for taking credit for state-wide  
16 legislation and rarely touted district benefits he championed; yet, his legislative achievements  
17 are legendary having served as chairman of the Public Safety Committee and the  
18 Transportation Committee and as an Appropriations Committee subcommittee chairman, but  
19 moreover as a valuable mentor to many junior members of the General Assembly, including  
20 this Senator from the 50th District; and

21 WHEREAS, his beloved pastor, Dr. Rudy Patton, presided at his memorial service invoking  
22 Psalms 90 with Scripture passages referencing "mountains," "number our days," "heart of  
23 wisdom," "compassion on your servants," "unfailing love," "sing for joy," "make us glad,"  
24 and "establish the work of our hands"; and

1 WHEREAS, Ralph Twiggs established the work of our hands and our minds and our hearts:  
2 we are honored by having been his friends, complimented by having been his colleagues,  
3 learned by having been his students, wise by having heard his counsel, and dedicated by  
4 having been his followers in public service to all Georgians.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body honors the life,  
6 friendship, public service, and dedication to humanity of Representative Ralph Twiggs and  
7 the impact he had on the General Assembly and the guidance and example he offered to its  
8 members.

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 Representative Ralph  
11 Twiggs.