

Senate Resolution 1172

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd, Clay of the 37th, Tanksley of the 32nd and Lamutt of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the lives of Robert L. and Sally Thompson and commending them for their many
2 contributions to south Cobb County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Robert L. and Sally Thompson were pioneers and beloved citizens of Mableton
4 in south Cobb County; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Thompson married Sally Tippins in the 1940s; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Thompson thrilled the residents of south Cobb County by driving race cars
7 and landing his airplane on Highway 139; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob and Sally Thompson opened a full service gas station at the intersection
9 of Highways 78 and 139 in Mableton in the early 1950s; and

10 WHEREAS, the service station was very successful and soon expanded into a four bay
11 garage with full-time mechanics; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob Thompson organized and was a director of the South Cobb Bank in the
13 1960s; and the South Cobb Bank became the Georgia State Bank before it was sold after a
14 remarkable period of growth and prosperity; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob Thompson organized and opened the Thompson Group Realty Company;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in all of his important positions, Bob Thompson attributed his success to his
18 wife and lifemate Sally Thompson, who kept the books for all of his business ventures; and

19 WHEREAS, after Bob Thompson's unsuccessful bid to be elected Chief Deputy Sheriff he
20 became a close friend and confidant of former Cobb County Sheriff Bill Hutson; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Thompson also became an adviser and friend of many other local, state,
2 and national politicians; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob and Sally Thompson had three sons: Robert L. Thompson, Jr., known as
4 Lee; George Scott Thompson, known as Scottie; and Stanley Thompson; all of whom
5 became respected citizens of south Cobb County; and

6 WHEREAS, Lee and Scottie were outstanding athletes and played football for Gardner
7 Webb College in North Carolina; and Lee went on to play in the National Football League
8 while Scottie went on to teach and coach; and

9 WHEREAS, Stanley is an accomplished craftsman working in the heating and air and
10 electronics fields; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob and Sally Thompson recently passed away within a short time of each
12 other.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that condolences are offered
14 to the families of Robert L. and Sally Thompson upon their passing and that in celebration
15 of their remarkable lives, the intersection of Highways 78 and 139 in Mableton has been
16 named the Robert L. and Sally Thompson Intersection in a separate resolution.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Robert L. and Sally
19 Thompson.