

Senate Resolution 171

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Thompson of the 33rd, Rogers of the 21st and Wiles of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Fred D. Bentley, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Fred D. Bentley, Sr., is a quintessential Renaissance man, noted for his
3 amazing physical prowess, great depth of knowledge, and his awe-inspiring collections of
4 rare books and art; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in addition to his more than half a century as an attorney, Mr. Bentley served
6 three terms as a legislator in the Georgia House of Representatives and one in the Georgia
7 Senate, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues under the Gold Dome; and
- 8 WHEREAS, inspired by his grandfather and his third-grade Sunday School teacher, Mr.
9 Bentley has amassed an impressive collection of priceless paintings, rare books and
10 documents, pieces of Americana, and many other diverse artifacts, which he relishes sharing
11 with friends and clients of his Bentley, Bentley, and Bentley law firm; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his generous spirit has been demonstrated by the numerous donations he has
13 made to museums and institutions both locally and internationally, including Kennesaw State
14 University, Brenau University, and Southern Polytechnic State University, which now boast
15 outstanding rare book rooms and are unique in the opportunity they give for both
16 undergraduate as well as graduate students and faculty members to access these historic
17 collections; and
- 18 WHEREAS, through his many inspiring gifts, Mr. Bentley has helped to foster a deeper
19 understanding of and appreciation for the arts and the preservation of historic objects within
20 his community and the state; and
- 21 WHEREAS, above all, Mr. Bentley's fine example teaches his fellow citizens to value each
22 other and the difference that the generosity of one man can make in lives of so many; and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is privileged and honored to count this wise and
2 distinguished gentleman among its citizens.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 join in recognizing and commending Mr. Fred D. Bentley, Sr., a man of incredible talent and
5 generosity, for his not only numerous but highly valued contributions to his community and
6 the State of Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Fred D. Bentley, Sr.