

Senate Resolution 452

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Goggans of the 7th, Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Mr. W. Don Sports; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. W. Don Sports was a beloved WCLA radio broadcaster, a devoted family
3 man, and an ardent servant of the Evans County community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he attended South Georgia College and served his country in the United States
5 Army, stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington; and
- 6 WHEREAS, while working at the Martin Theatre, he met the love of his life, Ida Mae
7 Fussell, who was working as a concession counter manager, and the two married in 1952;
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- 9 WHEREAS, in 1959, Don became associated with WCLA Radio in Claxton, Georgia, where
10 his voice was heard daily throughout the station's coverage area; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1972, Don purchased WCLA, and he was named president of the Georgia
12 Association of Broadcasters in 1977 and the Georgia Association of Broadcasters' Citizen
13 of the Year in 1986; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he served as president of the Claxton Rotary Club and was named a Paul Harris
15 Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and he was a devoted member of
16 Claxton First United Methodist Church; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his devotion to his community was surpassed only by his love for his family,
18 and he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ida Mae; son, Donald Sports, Jr.; a daughter and
19 son-in-law, Sandra Toler and Bob Dellaposta; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Dee
20 Sports; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Jasper Messmore; and a grandson, Clint Toler;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death it is
2 fitting and proper that we offer our sympathies to his family and friends.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mr. W. Don Sports and extend
5 their most sincere condolences to his family.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. W. Don Sports.