

Senate Resolution 474

By: Senators Hooks of the 14th and Hill of the 4th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of Vendie Hudson Hooks; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the  
3 passing of Vendie Hudson "V.H." Hooks; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hooks was a celebrated graduate of Swainsboro High School, the  
5 University of Georgia, and the Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science; and

6 WHEREAS, he served his country nobly in the United States Coast Guard during World War  
7 II and as regional manager of the Veterans Administrative Office; and

8 WHEREAS, he owned and operated Hooks Mortuary for 46 years along with his wife, May  
9 Jones Hooks, and was actively involved with professional organizations associated with the  
10 funeral home industry, including the state and the National Funeral Directors Association;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, he served as president of the Georgia Funeral Directors Association from 1975  
13 to 1976, and he was the county coroner for 24 years and the state mortician at Reidsville  
14 State Prison for 20 years; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a president of the Metter Kiwanis Club and a district Lieutenant  
16 Governor of Kiwanis, a commander of the Candler County American Legion, a chairman of  
17 the Candler County American Red Cross, and a chairman of the Candler County American  
18 Cancer Society, and he served as a member of the board of directors of the Pineland State  
19 Bank, the Candler County Hospital Authority, the Metter Housing Authority, the Candler  
20 County Board of Education, and the Candler County Historical Society; and

21 WHEREAS, he served on the State Democratic Executive Committee and as a delegate to  
22 the National Democratic Convention; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member and deacon of the New Hope Primitive Baptist  
2 Church and was a clerk of the Original Upper Canoochee Association of Primitive Baptists  
3 for 20 years; and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
7 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Vendie Hudson Hooks and  
8 extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

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 Vendie Hudson Hooks.