

## Senate Resolution 772

By: Senators Chance of the 16th and Seay of the 34th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Robert Joseph Burch; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Robert Joseph Burch was born June 26, 1925, in the community of Inman; and
- 3 WHEREAS, he graduated from Fayette County High School and served in the United States  
4 Army from 1943 until 1946; and
- 5 WHEREAS, after receiving a degree in agriculture from the University of Georgia in 1949,  
6 he worked as a civilian with the United States Army in Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan; and
- 7 WHEREAS, upon returning to the United States, he spent the next eight years in New York  
8 where he took writing courses as a hobby; and
- 9 WHEREAS, following the advice of one of his professors, he took up writing as a profession  
10 and two years later, in 1962, Viking published a picture story for young children, entitled "A  
11 Funny Place to Live"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he went on to publish 18 other children's books; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his awards include recognition from the Georgia Writers Association, the  
14 Georgia Children's Book Award in 1974 and 1976, and the George C. Stone Center for  
15 Children's Books Recognition of Merit Award in 1974; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his book "Ida Early Comes over the Mountain" served as the basis for an NBC  
17 television movie, and the Fulton County Board of Education filmed a portion of his book  
18 "Tyler, Wilkin, and Skee"; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was the first recipient of the W. Porter Kellam Lifetime Achievement Award  
20 from the University of Georgia in 2007.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Robert Joseph Burch and extend  
3 their most sincere condolences to his family.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Robert Joseph Burch.