

Senate Resolution 1306

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Hamrick of the 30th, Williams of the 19th, Johnson of the 1st, Pearson of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Mr. Harold T. (Hal) Echols; and for other purposes.

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3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with
4 the untimely passing of Mr. Hal Echols; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hal Echols was born on March 6, 1950, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Echols was a lifelong resident of Paulding County where he was a local
7 elected official and businessman; and

8 WHEREAS, after retiring from a 30 year career with AT&T and 25 years with the United
9 States Air Force Reserves, he was elected in 1998 as a County Commissioner in Paulding
10 County and served as Chairman pro tempore of the Board of Commissioners at the time of
11 his death; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Echols was a founding board member of the First National Bank West
13 Metro, served on the Board of Directors of First Choice Community Bank in Dallas, and also
14 served on the Board of Workers' Compensation of the Association County Commissioners
15 of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Echols was a devoted father, a friend to his community, and a lifelong
17 member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church; and

18 WHEREAS, his unparalleled leadership talents, remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen
19 sense of vision, and acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his community and this
20 state earned him the respect and admiration of his family, friends, and colleagues; and

21 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; in his death we
22 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join together in recognizing and honoring the life of this extraordinary individual and send
3 their sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
5 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Hal Echols.