

## Senate Resolution 1307

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. John Wesley Rakestraw; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens
- 3 with the untimely passing of Mr. John Wesley Rakestraw; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rakestraw was born on August 8, 1957, in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a resident of Paulding County, Mr. Rakestraw was the owner of Raker
- 6 Construction Company of Dallas, Georgia, a director of the Georgian Bank, and the owner
- 7 of JWR Land and Cattle Company in Rockmart, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Bartlett Lodge #139 F & AM; Scottish Rite Valley of
- 9 Atlanta; Yaarab Shrine Temple of Atlanta; Paulding County Nobility Club; and Polled
- 10 Hereford Association; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Rakestraw was a devoted husband, father, a friend to his community, and
- 12 a member of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his unparalleled leadership talents, remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen
- 14 sense of vision, and acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his community and this
- 15 state earned him the respect and admiration of his family, friends and colleagues; and
- 16 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; in his death we
- 17 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 19 join together in recognizing and honoring the life of this extraordinary individual and send
- 20 their sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and  
2 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. John Wesley  
3 Rakestraw.