

Senate Resolution 1205

By: Senators Harp of the 29th and Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Harold Eugene Bryant; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Harold Eugene Bryant on October 18, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was born on October 19, 1941, in Columbus, Georgia, a beloved son  
5 of the late James and Imogene Kendrick Bryant; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army Reserves as a major general, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy  
8 and his fellow Americans; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Columbus High School, Mr. Bryant earned a bachelor's degree  
10 from Columbus State University and retired in 2001 from Blue Cross Blue Shield after 35  
11 years of dedicated service as a senior vice president of corporate and public affairs; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was diligently and conscientiously devoting his time, talents, and  
13 energy to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce as vice president of governmental affairs,  
14 where he was responsible for developing and implementing public policy initiatives for the  
15 Columbus Valley Partnership business community; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Bryant was founding chairman of the Celebration of  
17 Sports Excellence, chairman of the Southern Open and Buick Challenge PGA Golf  
18 Tournaments, and served on the board of directors of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce,  
19 Association of the United States Army, Better Business Bureau, United Way, March of  
20 Dimes, and Junior Achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was united in love and marriage for 49 wonderful years to his wife  
22 Cynthia, and was blessed with the love and support of his family, Dawn and Fred Braswell  
23 and Angie and Tim Coleman, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
29 made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Bryant will long be remembered for  
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and  
32 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Harold Eugene Bryant and express their deepest  
35 and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Harold Eugene Bryant.