

Senate Resolution 1337

By: Senators Jackson of the 24th, Goggans of the 7th, Cowsert of the 46th and Davis of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending The Lewis Family; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, The Lewis Family has long been recognized as an iconic group of bluegrass
3 gospel musicians with fans throughout the United States and Canada; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Roy Lewis and Pauline Holloway Lewis were united in love and marriage for
5 77 wonderful years and were blessed with eight talented children, Miggie, Wallace, Esley,
6 Mosley, Talmadge, Polly, Janis, and Roy; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a musical family, the Lewis children began playing instruments at an early age
8 and started their band, The Lewis Brothers; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The Lewis Brothers, which included Talmadge, Elsey, Wallace, and Little Roy,
10 played country songs and fiddle tunes and performed for square dances; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the group's first performance as The Lewis Family was in 1951, when they were
12 invited to perform a gospel music program for Woodmen of the World in Thomson, Georgia;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, in the 1960's The Lewis Family made the family band their full-time jobs,
15 bought a bus, and began touring the country in the bluegrass festival circuit; and
- 16 WHEREAS, with popular recordings such as "Slippers with Wings," "Hallelujah Turnpike,"
17 and "Good Time Get Together," The Lewis Family is known for taking songs and
18 rearranging them with their special touch; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the group plays approximately 200 shows a year at over 50 bluegrass festivals
20 as well as at school auditorium shows, civic centers, fairs, and special events; and

21 WHEREAS, over the years, the Lewis children have been joined by other Lewis family
22 members to round out The Lewis Family band, including Travis Lewis and Lewis Phillips;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The Lewis Family has been recognized with numerous honor and accolades
25 throughout their musical career, including being inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of
26 Fame, earning numerous Dove Awards in the categories of Bluegrass Recorded Song of the
27 Year and Bluegrass Album of the Year, and being recognized many times by the SPBGMA;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
30 this distinguished Georgia family be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the exemplary musical career of The Lewis Family.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to The Lewis Family.