

Senate Resolution 1513

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and Butler of the 55th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Phillip James Oliver; 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. Phillip James Oliver; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver was born in Opelika, Alabama, and graduated from Opelika High  
5 School; and

6 WHEREAS, he earned an associate's degree in applied science from Gadsden State Junior  
7 College, where he played basketball and interned at the Veterans Administrative Hospital in  
8 Tuskegee, Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver earned a bachelor's degree in social welfare from the University of  
10 Alabama, where he worked as a lab assistant in genetic research for the biology department;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy in the  
13 field of sickle cell disease, serving as an administrative assistant, lab assistant, health  
14 educator, social worker, and genetic counselor for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, an expert in the field of sickle cell disease, Mr. Oliver hosted a weekly radio  
16 show for two years called *Health Talk*, worked on research for the disease with the Bio  
17 Medical Research Institute, and conducted numerous lectures and radio and talk shows on  
18 the subjects of sickle cell disease and health; and

19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Oliver was an active member of Ebenezer  
20 Baptist Church in Atlanta, where he served as a youth church school teacher for 12 years;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver was a community leader, serving as an assistant basketball coach for  
23 men's basketball at Clark Atlanta University from 2002 to 2005 and volunteering his time  
24 for the Mike Glenn Basketball Camp for the Hearing Impaired and Wheelchair Charities; and

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

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

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Oliver will long be remembered for  
32 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal researcher, counselor, and friend will be  
33 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

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

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Phillip James Oliver.