

Senate Resolution 583

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Honorable Jack Hays Morgan, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the untimely passing of Honorable Jack Hays Morgan, Sr., on March 3, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was born in 1919 in Newton County, Georgia, and was known as  
5 an intelligent, fair minded, and dedicated community leader and entrepreneur; and
- 6 WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Morgan worked several odd jobs including picking  
7 peaches, working at a bus station snack bar, and delivering bread for a bakery, before he  
8 entered the Navy to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty; and
- 9 WHEREAS, upon his return home from the service, Mr. Morgan entered the agricultural  
10 field as a pulpwood cutter and was instrumental in the post-War World II development of  
11 Newton County, opening the county's first pulpwood yard, Morgan Timber Company, and  
12 later founding the area's first grading and paving services with Morgan Concrete Company;  
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Morgan expanded his business and agricultural ventures to  
15 include cotton and dairy farming, raising cattle, harvesting peaches and soybeans, and many  
16 real estate and development projects; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan's interest in politics and public service began in 1961 when he was  
18 elected to the Georgia House of Representatives, and he continued to serve as a state and  
19 community leader as Newton County Commission Chairman; and
- 20 WHEREAS, during his eight year tenure as chairman, Mr. Morgan oversaw the paving of  
21 142 miles of county roads and the start of the county's first ambulance service, garbage  
22 collections, and landfill; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a devoted man of faith and civic leader as an active member of  
24 Covington's First United Methodist Church and the Georgia Rural Development Authority;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was united in love and marriage to Barbara Davis and was blessed  
27 with eight remarkable children; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and  
29 this loyal husband, father, neighbor, and friend will be missed by all who had the great  
30 fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 join in honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Jack Hays Morgan, Sr., and express  
33 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jack Hays Morgan, Sr.