

Senate Resolution 668

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Lawrence "Larry" H. Garrett; 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. Lawrence "Larry" H. Garrett on March 18, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrett was born in Middletown, Ohio, and had the distinction of being the
- 5 first in his family to attend college, graduating from Westminster College where he was an
- 6 All American soccer player; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the Korean War,
- 8 serving as a company commander and providing critical tank training to fellow troops; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after his dedicated service in the military, Mr. Garrett joined Armco Steel, one
- 10 the largest steel companies in the United States, and became one of its top sales managers;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Garrett formed Formetco, Inc., a formed metals company that
- 13 revolutionized the industry by introducing the first unitized steel poster panel that could be
- 14 assembled on the ground and hung in one piece; and
- 15 WHEREAS, years later, Mr. Garrett expanded Formetco's product line to provide products
- 16 for the outdoor industry, allowing the company to become the most comprehensive
- 17 manufacturer of products and services to the billboard industry; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 1973, Mr. Garrett founded Peachtree Metals in order to manufacture
- 19 affordable stainless steel bar, and this company has become one of the most successful
- 20 stainless steel bar suppliers in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian was an important contributor to his community,  
22 donating his billboard printing services to public service announcements and charitable  
23 causes and serving on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Athletic Club and Gwinnett  
24 Technical College; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrett was united in love and marriage to his adoring wife, Renee, who  
26 he fell in love with at first sight while in college; 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. Garrett will long be remembered for  
31 his love of country, politics, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, neighbor, 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. Lawrence "Larry" H. Garrett and express their  
35 deepest 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. Lawrence "Larry" H.  
38 Garrett.