

Senate Resolution 723

By: Senator Chapman of the 3rd

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Michael Evanick; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Evanick was born on January 15, 1920, a beloved son of Eastern  
3 European immigrants and brother to four; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Evanick graduated as valedictorian from his high school in Johnson City,  
5 New York, before enlisting with the United States Navy in 1940 to serve as a guardian of this  
6 nation's freedom and liberty; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a Chief Gunner's Mate on the USS *Quincy*, and on August 9, 1942,  
8 he survived 12 hours stranded at sea after his ship, while engaged in the Battle of Savo  
9 Island, was attacked by Japanese forces and sank to the bottom of Ironbottom Sound; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Evanick's bravery and courageous service earned him many distinctions  
11 and commendations, including the distinction of serving as honor guard for appearances by  
12 Winston Churchill and Pope Pius XII; and
- 13 WHEREAS, after completion of his service in 1946, Mr. Evanick married and raised seven  
14 children, but his desire to assist his country never diminished and he re-enlisted with the  
15 Navy years later as a reservist; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 1961, Mr. Evanick volunteered to go out to sea rather than stay at port during  
17 his annual two-week training session, a decision which resulted in his deployment to the Bay  
18 of Pigs during the Cuban Missile Crisis; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in 2006, as a resident of New York, Mr. Evanick learned of the adopt a  
20 preschool class program in Glynn County, Georgia, from his daughter who lived in the area;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, since that time, Mr. Evanick has devoted his time and energy to improving the  
23 lives of a preschool class in Brunswick, sending over 50 pounds of books and educational  
24 materials to the class in one shipment alone; and

25 WHEREAS, finding joy in uplifting the lives of these young future leaders, Mr. Evanick  
26 provided the class with shovels, pails, and countless sea shells for their year-end picnic on  
27 Jekyll Island; and

28 WHEREAS, his selfless acts of kindness and generosity and his dedicated service to this  
29 country serve as an inspiration and example to all and are worthy of recognition.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 commend and recognize Mr. Michael Evanick for his benevolent deeds for the children of  
32 Glynn County and extend their most profound appreciation to him and all members of the  
33 United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of  
34 freedom.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Michael Evanick.