

Senate Resolution 41

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Lawton M. Nease, Jr.; 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. Lawton M. Nease, Jr., on November 13, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease was born on July 16, 1919, in Effingham County, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of the late Lawton M. Nease, Sr., and Evelyn Seckinger Nease; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
8 II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease was the owner and operator of L.M. Nease Service Station in Guyton
10 for over 56 years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Nease was an active member of Guyton
12 United Methodist Church, where he co-founded the Men's 5th Sunday Breakfast in 1956,
13 taught Sunday school, and served on numerous committees; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Guyton Masonic Lodge, #428 F. & A.M. for over 70
15 years, the Scottish and York Rite, Alee Temple, Coastal Daylight Lodge, and the Sojourners;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Nease was united in love and marriage to the late Jane Pool Nease, and was
18 blessed with the joy of his remarkable children, Marsha Usher, Sue Nease and Bill Exley,
19 and Brenda and Lawton "Mac" Nease III; and

20 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of his grandchildren Jim and Becky Exley, Rhett
21 and Nichole Exley, and Shannon Wilkins; and his great-grandchildren Margaret, Lawton,
22 Mary, Natalie, Ally, Emery, and Briggs; and

23 WHEREAS, a Lifetime Service Rotary Award winner, Mr. Nease gave inspiration to many
24 through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion,
25 patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by
26 others; 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. Nease will long be remembered for his
31 love of family and friendship, and this loyal brother, father, grandfather, and friend will be
32 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. Lawton M. Nease, Jr., and express their deepest
35 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. Lawton M. Nease, Jr.