

Senate Resolution 52

By: Senators Carter of the 1st and Jackson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Dan Vaden, 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. Dan Vaden, Jr., on December 7, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden was born on June 8, 1927, a beloved son of Dan Martin Vaden and
5 Maxine Therin Vaden; 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. Vaden attended the University of Florida, where he was a proud member
10 of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he began his career selling used cars, and over 50 years, he built a regional
12 automotive group called the Vaden Automotive Group that has eight dealerships and
13 employs over 400 people in Southeast Georgia and South Carolina; and
- 14 WHEREAS, his business acumen has been recognized with numerous awards and accolades,
15 including the 1992 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award, the Dian Wahrman Torch Award
16 for marketplace excellence in customer relations and business philosophy from the Coastal
17 Empire Better Business Bureau, and induction into the Savannah Business Hall of Fame; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Vaden was a founding member of Savannah's Rotary
19 East Club and served on the boards of directors of the Savannah Area Chamber of
20 Commerce, St. Joseph's Hospital, the United Way of the Coastal Empire, the Better Business
21 Bureau, and the American Cancer Society; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden was united in love and marriage for 59 wonderful years to Jane
23 Adams Walton Vaden and was blessed with the support of his remarkable children, Linda
24 Ann Vaden and William T. Daniel and Jane Walton Vaden and Peter H. Thacher; and

25 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren, Elizabeth, William, Robert,
26 Jack, Sarah, and Blake; and a great-grandchild, Ann Marie; and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Vaden will long be remembered for
34 his love of golf, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, uncle, and
35 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Dan Vaden, Jr., and express their deepest and
38 most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Dan Vaden, Jr.