

Senate Resolution 86

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant John Ellis Hammock; 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 Lieutenant John Ellis Hammock on July 18, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hammock was born in Wayne County, Georgia, and served as the
5 face of the 1984 anti-DUI poster campaign for the Governor's Safety Council; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a football star at Jesup High School, Lieutenant Hammock was a standout on
7 the University of Florida football team, was drafted to the National Football League's Detroit
8 Lions, and was a 2002 member of the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served with the Georgia State Patrol for 30 years, where he was highly
10 regarded as a person of unquestioned integrity and with a dedication to the sound principles
11 of law enforcement; and
- 12 WHEREAS, as an officer, Lieutenant Hammock exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
13 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and
14 his efficient and effective commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers;
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hammock was an instructor with the Georgia Police Academy in
17 Atlanta and served as security officer for superior court judges in Glynn County; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to the late Anna "Codge" Davis Toler, and
19 was blessed with the love and support of his remarkable children, Lois Ann and Harry
20 Edenfield; Janet Sue and Billy Cooper; Joey and Lisa Toler; and William and Arlene Toler;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hammock was the proud grandfather of seven wonderful
23 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by 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, Lieutenant Hammock will long be
31 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal brother, father, grandfather,
32 and 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 Lieutenant John Ellis Hammock 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 Lieutenant John Ellis
38 Hammock.