

Senate Resolution 202

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the untimely passing of Raymond Royal Marshall; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Raymond Royal Marshall was born in Augusta, Georgia, on March 23, 1967,
4 to Mary Marshall and the late Raymond Marshall, the first of their two children; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1973, Royal, his mother, step-father, Ronald Porter, Sr., and sister Karen
6 moved from Georgia to Germany where the family lived for three years, and when they
7 returned to the United States, the family settled in St. Louis, Missouri; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1985, he graduated from Hazelwood East High School and was accepted to
9 the University of Missouri-Rolla where he intended to study mechanical engineering;
10 however, after his freshman year he changed his location and major, transferring to the
11 University of Georgia where he graduated in 1992 with a degree in speech communications;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, as a student, Royal served as an intern with Ryan Cameron of WVEE-FM radio,
14 V-103, and after graduation he made Atlanta his home, where he joined the staff at WSB
15 Radio in 1992 as an overnight board operator; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1993, he joined the team of the Neal Boortz show as engineer and associate
17 producer, and his casual on-air banter with Boortz became so popular, that Neal made it a
18 part of the show by incorporating "A Minute with Royal T" into the show's format; and

19 WHEREAS, Royal's quick wit made him a natural fill-in host for Neal when Boortz was
20 away, and he later earned his own weekend show on WSB called "The Royal Treatment";
21 and

22 WHEREAS, from October of 1998 to January of 2000, "The Royal Treatment" aired on
23 WSB Radio's then sister station News/Radio 680 WCNN, while at the same time Royal
24 produced the Boortz show, as he did for 17 years until his sudden death on January 15, 2011;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments are exceeded by his personal life example;
27 Royal was an 18 year member of Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur where he served
28 in many capacities before becoming a deacon: he was an usher and led the singles ministry
29 as well as being chairman of the National Advisory Board of Foreverfamily, Inc., an
30 organization that provides love, assistance, and support to children who have a parent or
31 parents serving time in prison; and

32 WHEREAS, Royal Marshall is survived by his wife, Annette M. Marshall, and their two
33 daughters Amira and Ava, his mother Mary Marshall Porter, his grandmothers Eleise Walton
34 and Della Phillips, two sisters, two brothers, and a host of relatives and dear friends; and

35 WHEREAS, Royal Marshal is sorely missed by his family, friends, and fans.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 express regret at the untimely passing of Raymond Royal Marshall and convey condolences
38 to his grieving family.

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 Raymond Royal Marshall.