

## Senate Resolution 336

By: Senators Brown of the 26th and Staton of the 18th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Wilfred R. Stroud; 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. Wilfred R. Stroud; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud was born on May 6, 1930, in Macon, Georgia, graduated from  
5 Hudson High School, and attended Morehouse College and Cooper Union School of Art; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans before serving  
8 them as a civilian with the United States Postal Service; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud was a dedicated clerk with the Postal Service for 30 years and  
10 worked part time at the Tubman African American Museum; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a talented artist in the mediums of pencil, ink, pastel, oil, and acrylic, Mr.  
12 Stroud was commissioned for the portrait of Sidney Lanier which hangs in the Georgia State  
13 Capitol and the portrait of Sergeant Rodney Davis which is on the ship named in his honor;  
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud painted the mural *From Africa to America* at the Harriet Tubman  
16 Museum and the mural at the Anderson Cancer Clinic at the Medical Center of Central  
17 Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades during his life,  
19 including a Macon Arts Alliance Cultural Award in 1991 and a Macon Arts Alliance  
20 Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud's work appears in the permanent collections of the Booker T.  
22 Washington Community Center, the Georgia Farm Bureau, the Macon Coliseum, the Macon  
23 Chamber of Commerce, the Harriet Tubman Museum, the Georgia State Capitol, and in  
24 numerous homes, schools, and churches throughout Macon and Middle Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud was united in love and marriage to Mary E. Bailey Stroud for more  
26 than 50 wonderful years, and he was blessed with three remarkable children, Lisa, Crystal,  
27 and Randall, and two beautiful granddaughters, Shonna and Tiffany; and

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

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

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

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

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Wilfred R. Stroud.