

Senate Resolution 382

By: Senators Butterworth of the 50th and Miller of the 49th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the life and achievements of Mr. Grady Evans Brooks; 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. Grady Evans Brooks on November 1, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was born on January 2, 1930, in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated  
5 from Clarkesville High School; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida, a master's  
7 degree from the University of Minnesota, and a master's in educational administration from  
8 the University of Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
10 United States military, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans with the  
11 Air Force for 12 years of active duty and with the Army Reserves for 23 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he retired from his service to this nation after 35 years as a Sergeant Major and  
13 after having displayed great valor during the Korean War and Desert Storm; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was recognized for the vital role that he has played in leadership  
15 and his deep personal commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career in education as a teacher and coach at North  
17 Habersham High School in 1964 and went on to serve as a principal for Stephens County  
18 Junior High School, Lee Arrendale Institute High School, and Cornelia Elementary School,  
19 and as Superintendent of Schools for Habersham County; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Brooks was an active member of  
21 Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and teacher; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was united in love and marriage to Mona Kennedy on June 12,  
23 1955, and was blessed with the support of his children, Beth Brooks and Jon Huebner; and

24 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of Jon, Shawn, Yajaira, Grady, Jake, Jared, and  
25 Veronika; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Brooks will long be remembered for  
27 his love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
28 knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Grady Evans Brooks and express their deepest  
31 and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Grady Evans Brooks.