

Senate Resolution 453

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Harbison of the 15th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Robert Glenn Johnston III; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of the Honorable Robert Glenn Johnston III on March 12, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Johnston was born on September 3, 1948, in Columbus, Georgia, a
6 beloved son of the late Merle Farrar Johnston and Robert Glenn Johnston, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Presbyterian College, where he served as student body
8 president and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, and earned a law degree from Emory
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Johnston served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
11 the United States Army Reserves, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
12 Americans as a captain; and

13 WHEREAS, he served as assistant state court solicitor, a state court judge, a superior court
14 judge, and a senior judge; and

15 WHEREAS, his colleagues knew him as a clear thinker and hard worker, whose strong
16 convictions were supported by meticulous research and careful consideration and whose
17 decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play; and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Judge Johnston was an active member of First
19 Presbyterian Church, where he served as deacon; and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Johnston was named a Paul Harris Fellow for the Rotary Club of
21 Columbus, was a senior member of the Green Island Country Club, and was an avid follower
22 of politics and sports; and

23 WHEREAS, Judge Johnston was united in love and marriage to Lois Ross Johnston and was
24 blessed with the support of his remarkable children, Farrar Johnston and Ely Abbott,
25 Margaret Johnston and Diego Montenegro, and Victoria Glenn Johnston; and

26 WHEREAS, Judge Johnston was the proud grandfather of four grandchildren whom he
27 adored, Matias Robert Montenegro, Johnston Ely Abbott, Lucia Ray Montenegro, and Robert
28 McKay Abbott; and

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

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 join in honoring the life and memory of Judge Robert Glenn Johnston III and express their
37 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Robert
40 Glenn Johnston III.