

Senate Resolution 528

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Eddie Arthur Grier, Sr.; 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. Eddie Arthur Grier, Sr., on March 15, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Grier was born on December 28, 1927, a beloved son of the late Bessie and
5 Rance Grier; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from David T. Howard High School, where he played baseball and
7 football, served as captain of the football team, and was known by his nickname, "Thunder";
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Grier began working at the age of 16 and held a variety of positions
10 throughout his life, including serving as head cook for the Silver Street Restaurant, making
11 war bombs for World War II, practicing as a real estate agent, owning two gas stations, and
12 founding the Emkees Home Improvement Company; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a talented athlete, Mr. Grier played with the National Negro Baseball League
14 and the Atlanta All Stars as a catcher and outfielder; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Grier was united in love and marriage to Marian Helen Goolsby on June
16 21, 1952, a wonderful 56 year union which blessed them with four remarkable children, Kay
17 Deon, Eddie Arthur, Jr., Etrice Jeanne, and Stanley Andre, and seven grandchildren; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Grier will long be remembered for his
25 love of cooking, entertaining, family, and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather,
26 brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Eddie Arthur Grier, Sr., and express their
29 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Eddie Arthur Grier, Sr.