

Senate Resolution 547

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Hewell "Chank" Middleton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Hewell "Chank" Middleton, named after his uncle, was born in Macon,
3 Georgia, to Alvin and Alice Middleton on August 14, 1950; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was a kind and loving son to his parents and is the brother of siblings Alvin,
5 Robert, Cedric, Bonny, and Terry; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Chank was educated in the Bibb County Public School System; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he met members of the Allman Brothers Band in early 1969, the band's
8 founding year and the same year he finished high school. He began traveling with the band
9 in 1974 and would continue to do so until 1976, although from time to time he would come
10 off the road to work a 9-to-5 job; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he began working for Georgia Power in 1976, after which he went to work for
12 Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation in 1985 where he continued until 2005; and
- 13 WHEREAS, even though he was not traveling with his close friend, Gregg Allman, during
14 this time, they always kept in touch, and Chank went back on the road when he retired two
15 years ago; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he shares his life with his wife and childhood sweetheart, Carrolle, and they
17 have a wonderful son, Taj, who gave Chank a beautiful granddaughter, Meleah, who has her
18 grandfather wrapped around her little finger; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he rubbed elbows with some of the biggest stars in music and Hollywood,
20 including not only the Allman Brothers but also such luminaries as Cher and Carol Burnett,
21 and traveled to the most exotic countries in the world, but he has always remained humble.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend Hewell "Chank" Middleton for his many accomplishments and contributions to
24 the music industry in this state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Hewell "Chank" Middleton.