

Senate Resolution 586

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Eugene M. Bishop; 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 Dr. Eugene M. Bishop on March 23, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Bishop was born in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of the late George and
5 Gussie Bishop; and

6 WHEREAS, he was educated in the Atlanta public schools and served as a guardian of this
7 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Bishop was the retired owner and president of Health Services Centers, Inc.,
9 a multifacility corporation that was established in 1970 and owned long-term health care
10 facilities, acute care hospitals, and pharmacies; and

11 WHEREAS, he was active in both state and national health care trade associations, serving
12 as president of the Georgia Health Care Association and regional vice president, first vice
13 president, and two term national president of the American Health Care Association; and

14 WHEREAS, a staunch and loyal supporter of Georgia Southern University, Dr. Bishop
15 served on the school's board of trustees, was a member of the school's Business Advisory
16 Council for the School of Business, and was a board member and executive committee
17 member of the university's Athletic Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Gray and Nikki Bishop and Traci and Jay Stillman
19 and drew great joy from his grandchildren, Griffyn and Gavin Bishop; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to his children and grandchildren, Dr. Bishop leaves behind many
21 who will cherish his memory, including his niece, Kathleen Guy; his nephew, Gary Bishop;

22 his great-nieces and great-nephews, Abigail Guy, Garrett Guy, and Levi Bishop; and special
23 friend and extended family, Nancy Addison, Drew and Shanna Addison, Trip Addison, and
24 Lindsay Addison; and

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

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

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Bishop will long be remembered for
32 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather, uncle, and friend will be
33 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Eugene M. Bishop and express their deepest and
36 most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Eugene M. Bishop.