

Senate Resolution 603

By: Senator Carter of the 1st

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Sylvan M. Byck, Jr.; 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. Sylvan M. Byck, Jr., on April 6, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Byck was born in Savannah, Georgia, the beloved son of Sylvan M. Byck,  
5 Sr., and Beatrice Lichtman Byck; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Savannah High School, Mr. Byck earned a bachelor's degree from  
7 the University of Alabama and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
8 the United States Air Force; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he spent his professional career in real estate management and for over three  
10 decades he helped lead efforts to revitalize the River Street community of Savannah,  
11 Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Byck was an active member of  
13 Congregation Mickve Israel, was a past member of the Telfair Museum board of directors,  
14 and was a member of the Jewish Education Alliance; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental as a founding member of First Chatham Bank  
16 and as past chairman of the Savannah Ports Authority, the Metropolitan Planning  
17 Commission, the Association of the United States Army, the 200 Club, and the Savannah  
18 Waterfront Association; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Byck served as a member of the Georgia Ports Authority Board under  
20 Governor Zell Miller and the Georgia Lottery Board under Governor Roy Barnes; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Byck was united in love and marriage for 31 wonderful years to Judy Appel  
22 Byck, and was blessed with the support and kindness of his remarkable children, Donna and  
23 Tony Eichholz and David and Helen Kelly; and

24 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Big Daddy," Mr. Byck was the proud grandfather of  
25 four delightful grandchildren, Amelia Eichholz, Caroline Eichholz, Charlotte Kelly, and Kurt  
26 Kelly; and

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

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

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Sylvan M. Byck, Jr., and express their deepest  
38 and most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Sylvan M. Byck, Jr.