

## Senate Resolution 615

By: Senators Brown of the 26th and Mullis of the 53rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Joseph "Red Dog" Campbell and expressing regret at his passing;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Joseph "Red Dog" Campbell, late of Macon, on February  
4 21, 2011, is received with deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this legendary man, a very sweet, energetic person who was  
6 much loved in the City of Macon, rendered his name dear to the hearts of his family, friends,  
7 and fellow citizens alike; and

8 WHEREAS, he was one the most famous roadies in the music industry, one of the original  
9 roadies for the Allman Brothers Band who remained with the band for over 30 years. His  
10 monumental efforts backstage brought him into the spotlight, and he was so integral to the  
11 band that it paid tribute to him by including his photograph on the back cover of the band's  
12 legendary live album "At Fillmore East" in 1971, and his character was later written into the  
13 film "Almost Famous" by Cameron Crowe. Campbell later recorded his adventures in his  
14 2001 book, "The Legendary Red Dog: A Book of Tails"; and

15 WHEREAS, before Red Dog became a roadie, he was a decorated Vietnam veteran going  
16 to college. After hearing the striking slide-guitar piece that Duane Allman added to Aretha  
17 Franklin's recording of "The Weight," Red Dog was enticed to see Allman perform solo.  
18 After a show, Red Dog was so impressed that he felt compelled to pay Allman his respects.  
19 For the rest of Red Dog's life, he spoke of Duane with great respect, even 40 years after  
20 Duane's untimely death in 1971. When Duane's licks struck Red Dog's ears, he felt as if the  
21 Pied Piper was calling him; and

22 WHEREAS, Red Dog was a generous man who would contribute his disability checks from  
23 the government to the Allman Brothers Band in its early days when the band, which  
24 considered its road crew a part of the "Brotherhood," was struggling for money; and

25 WHEREAS, when he was diagnosed with cancer last year, many friends and musicians came  
26 together for a sold out show, the "Throw The Dog A Bone Benefit," to help ease the burden  
27 of some of his medical expenses; and

28 WHEREAS, to the end of his days, he maintained a positive attitude; and

29 WHEREAS, the "Old Dog" is now out of the house, howling with his Brothers Duane  
30 Allman and Berry Oakley; and

31 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians and friends  
32 throughout the music industry, in his death we mingle our sympathies with the grief of his  
33 family, friends, and fellow citizens.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 honor the memory of Joseph "Red Dog" Campbell and express their regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Joseph "Red Dog"  
38 Campbell.