

Senate Resolution 619

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Billy Peeples; 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. Billy Peeples; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Peeples was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role he
5 played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Americus, Georgia, Mr. Peeples was the owner of Southeastern
8 Drilling Company, a well drilling and repair business; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Peeples started working in the well business at the age of 15 under the
10 guidance of his father, the late Mr. William "Chick" Peeples, who was one of the founders
11 of the National Drillers Association and the Georgia Drillers Association, now known as the
12 Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals; and

13 WHEREAS, he was active in numerous trade organizations and associations including his
14 service as director for the South Atlantic Well Drillers Jubilee and as president and director
15 of the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to taking over the family business, Mr. Peeples served as a guardian of this
17 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and worked for the Columbus
18 Police Department; and

19 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Peeples was active with the Sumter Fair Association,
20 M.B. Council Lodge No. 13, the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Veterans of Foreign
21 Wars; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Peeples will long be remembered for
29 his love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
30 knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Billy Peeples and express their deepest and most
33 sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Billy Peeples.