

Senate Resolution 626

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Roland J. Knobel, 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 Dr. Roland J. Knobel, Jr., on August 16, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Knobel was born on February 23, 1923, in Staten Island, New York, a
5 beloved son of Dr. Roland J. Knobel and Nora Seeman Knobel; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
8 II aboard the battleship USS *Washington* in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Dr. Knobel studied officer training in the V-12 program at DePauw University,
10 Miami University of Ohio, and Harvard Graduate Business School and served in the supply
11 corps of the Navy aboard the USS *Kearsarge* and USS *Megara* as well as in Washington,
12 Guam, Naples, Philadelphia, Lakehurst, and Rota, Spain before retiring as a commander in
13 1966; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he earned a master's degree in economics from George Washington University
15 and a doctorate degree in medical care organization from the University of Michigan; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Dr. Knobel came to Atlanta in 1970 as professor in the Health Administration
17 Department at Georgia State University where he helped develop graduate programs in
18 health administration, health ethics and economics, and international health management; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish the
20 School of Public Health at Emory University; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Knobel was united in love and marriage to Mary Jo Kishler and was blessed
22 with two remarkable children, Cathy and Brad; and

23 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Dr. Knobel was involved in the Unitarian
24 Universalist Congregation of Atlanta and was a frequent patron of the Atlanta Symphony;
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26 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
27 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
28 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Roland J. Knobel, Jr., and express their deepest
37 and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Roland J. Knobel, Jr.