

## Senate Resolution 733

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th and Ginn of the 47th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Marion Merck; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Marion Merck began his musical career at the age of 14, singing along with the  
3 choir and congregation while sitting on the edge of a piano stool at his father's church in New  
4 Holland, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Marion Merck has memories filled with experiences growing up as the  
6 preacher's kid; and
- 7 WHEREAS, at the age of 16, Marion joined three other preachers' kids and began singing  
8 as The Four Sons Quartet, then moved on to The Regents Quartet, The Congressmen, and  
9 finally spending 28 years with The Sunny South Quartet; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after the retirement of The Sunny South in 2007, Marion realized that he was  
11 not ready to leave gospel music behind; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he collaborated with Tommy Brooks on the creation of a new group known as  
13 The Lanier Land Boys; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he believes the best years of his career in Southern Gospel began with the  
15 creation of The Lanier Land Boys; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he is blessed with celebrating his life with his wife, Pat, and his remarkable four  
17 children, Tim, Paul, Sandi, and Lori, as well as his nine wonderful grandchildren; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his lifelong love for gospel music and the creation of The Lanier Land Boys  
19 will for forever be loved and remembered.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize Marion Merck for his amazing love for gospel music and numerous achievements  
22 and commend his efficient, effective dedication to gospel music and to the people of Georgia.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Marion Merck.