

Senate Resolution 1241

By: Senators Murphy of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Everett Bennett; 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. Everett Bennett; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett was born and raised in Forsyth County and graduated from  
5 Cumming High School; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army as an instructor in the Officers School at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served as chairman of the board for LEADER, a local teen safe  
9 driving education organization, as well as the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Forsyth  
10 County, and he was a program advocate for the Forsyth County Certified Literacy  
11 Community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served on the Georgia Baptist Healthcare System Board of  
13 Directors where he was instrumental in the purchase of the old Lakeside Hospital and  
14 conversion to Baptist North Hospital, on the board of visitors for Georgia Baptist College of  
15 Nursing at Mercer University, and on the Hawaii Baptist Academy Board of Directors; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett continued in generous service to the community by providing a  
17 complimentary meeting space located on the campus of Baptist Medical Center, now known  
18 as Northside Hospital-Forsyth, and the Everett and Teresa Bennett Education Center is host  
19 to countless assemblies that benefit the community in ways beyond measure; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett championed and advocated for the ongoing expansion of the health  
21 care architecture in Forsyth County through his service on the Northside Hospital Foundation

22 Board, and his legacy as a staunch supporter for bringing quality health care services to  
23 Forsyth County will benefit the citizens of this region for generations; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Rotary Club of Johns Creek and received numerous  
25 honors, including the Lee Arrendale Award and being named a multiple Paul Harris Fellow,  
26 a Will Watt Fellow, and a Hue Thomas Fellow; and

27 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bennett was an active member of Johns  
28 Creek Baptist Church where he served as a deacon emeritus; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett was united in love and marriage to Teresa and was blessed with  
30 two remarkable children, Debbie and David, and five wonderful grandchildren, Chris and  
31 Will Bennett and John, Matt, and Kate Adent; and

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

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

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
42 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Everett Bennett and express their deepest and  
43 most sincere regret at his passing.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
45 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Everett Bennett.