

## Senate Resolution 1280

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Jones of the 10th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Douglas "Doug" Coker, Sr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of her most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Mr. William Douglas "Doug" Coker, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Coker was born on August 4, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of  
6 the late Blanche Gunn Coker and William "Bill" Avery Coker and caring brother to James,  
7 Wayne, and Margaret; and

8 WHEREAS, he came from humble beginnings and graduated from Southwest DeKalb High  
9 School and DeKalb Technical College; and

10 WHEREAS, well known and admired as a community leader in Henry County, Mr. Coker  
11 was involved with the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and numerous business  
12 organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Coker was a respected businessman as owner of Doug Coker Properties,  
14 North Henry Storage, and North Henry USA Truck & Auto; and

15 WHEREAS, he was passionate about many things in life including politics, current events,  
16 community affairs, the Atlanta Falcons, and most of all, his adoring family; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Coker was united in love and marriage to Judy Cook Coker for 28  
18 wonderful years, and was blessed with the support of his remarkable children, Dawn  
19 Anderson; Angel and Doug Coker, Jr.; Kally Phillips; and Kim Phillips; and

20 WHEREAS, his grandchildren, Haley and Taylor Anderson, William Anderson, Matson  
21 Anderson, Trey Coker, and Julia Coker, brought him great pride and joy; 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, Mr. Coker was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
26 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of  
27 his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Coker will long be remembered for his  
29 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and  
30 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of 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. William Douglas "Doug" Coker, Sr., and express  
33 their deepest and most 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. William Douglas  
36 "Doug" Coker, Sr.