

Senate Resolution 1297

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Judge John Henry Land; 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 Judge John Henry Land on November 30, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Judge Land was born on June 1, 1918, in Columbus, Georgia, a beloved son and
5 the youngest of ten children of Aaron Brewster and Mattie Miller Land; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from the five-year University of Georgia law degree program in
7 four years, went to work in a private practice, and was first elected to the Superior Court in
8 1964, spending a quarter-century on the bench in the six-county Chattahoochee Judicial
9 Court before retiring in 1988; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
11 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
12 II; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he ran unopposed for the Georgia Senate and served from 1949 to 1950; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Judge Land was united in love and marriage to Mary and was blessed with five
15 remarkable children, John H. Land III, Martha Christensen, Jeffrey Land, Jere Land, and the
16 late Karen Parcenas; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
19 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Judge Land will long be remembered for
24 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, father, husband, and friend will be
25 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Judge John Henry Land and express their deepest
28 and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Judge John Henry Land.