

Senate Resolution 36

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Roscoe Walker Riley, Sr.; 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. Roscoe Walker Riley, Sr., on December 14, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Riley was born on May 25, 1925, in Anderson, South Carolina, a beloved
5 son of Harry William Riley, Sr., and Susie Walker Riley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans in both European
8 and South Pacific Theaters, and attaining the rank of sergeant; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Riley was a devoted member of Sacred
10 Heart Catholic Church in Savannah, Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he received his early education in the public schools of Anderson County, South
12 Carolina, and continued his education at South Carolina State College, earning a bachelor's
13 degree and a master's degree in industrial education; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Riley was united in love and marriage to his college sweetheart, the late
15 Helen Elwood Stokes, and was blessed with a remarkable son, Roscoe Riley, Jr., three
16 wonderful grandchildren, Harry, Helen, and Racine, and two beloved great-grandchildren,
17 Harry and Kayla; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Riley taught industrial education for more than 37 years in the public
19 schools of North Carolina and Georgia, spending most of his career at Savannah's Alfred E.
20 Beach High School, where he taught for more than 36 years; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional life, he was a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi
22 Fraternity, Incorporated, for more than 60 years, The Knights of Columbus, and the Mules,
23 Savannah Chapter; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Riley will long be remembered for his
28 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and teacher will be missed by
29 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roscoe Walker Riley, Sr., and express their
32 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Roscoe Walker Riley, Sr.