

Senate Resolution 203

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Thompson of the 33rd, Chance of the 16th and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Mr. Dick Pettys, expressing regret at his passing, and designating
2 the Senate Press Conference Room in Suite 203 of the Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office
3 Building in his honor; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Mr. Dick Pettys, longtime political reporter who covered
5 the state capitol beat for the Associated Press for more than three decades, is received with
6 deep regret by this body; and

7 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 66 years rendered his name dear
8 to the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow citizens alike; and

9 WHEREAS, the acknowledged "dean" of the capitol press corps, Mr. Pettys had a reputation
10 for evenhanded reporting and was a well-respected mentor to other reporters; and

11 WHEREAS, he came to the state capitol in 1970 as a young man in his mid-twenties, just as
12 then-Governor Lester Maddox was finishing up his term; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Pettys kept an eye on those in power, holding them
14 accountable for their actions; yet even when those officials he covered did not like what he
15 reported, they knew him to be fair; and

16 WHEREAS, after retiring from the Associated Press, Mr. Pettys worked for several years as
17 the chief editor for InsiderAdvantage, an online political report, and had recently retired to
18 a log cabin in north Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his death we
20 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family, friends, and fellow citizens.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 honor the memory of Mr. Dick Pettys and express their regret at his passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Press Conference Room in Suite 203 of the
24 Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office Building is hereby designated as the Dick Pettys Senate
25 Press Conference Room in honor of the late Mr. Pettys.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
27 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Dick Pettys.