

Senate Resolution 435

By: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. John Lane on his induction into the Georgia Radio Hall
2 of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on October 20, 2012, Mr. John Lane was inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall
4 of Fame in honor of his impressive 42 year career of delivering the news with honesty and
5 humor to his many faithful listeners in Brunswick, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Lane was born on September 16, 1920, in Valdosta, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he entered the Army Air Corps in 1942, becoming a tail gunner for the B-17's
8 of the 341st Bomb Squadron, 97 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, and flew many missions from
9 North Africa and England before becoming the First Sergeant of the 341st; and

10 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Lane returned home to his wife, Alice, in Brunswick,
11 Georgia, and in 1949, was approached by a new WGIG Radio Station to become a salesman
12 for them, but his personality quickly led him to being offered a spot on the radio by Mr.
13 Charlie Tait as an announcer for a news program called "Tait's News Around the Town"; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1951, Mr. Lane was called to fight in the Korean War and when he returned,
15 he continued his work at WGIG, where he was news director until 1967, then moved to
16 WMOG and became part-owner of the station; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Lane worked in radio for 42 years and had a wide audience of devoted
18 listeners in Brunswick who appreciated his fluent use of south Georgia slang; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Lane was also known for his many altruistic efforts, giving toys to needy
20 children and arranging with local pilots to fly burn survivors to Shriners hospitals for
21 children at no cost; and

22 WHEREAS, he was the first civil defense director during the Cold War and Hurricane Dora
23 and was the first chief of the auxiliary police, a program where he and others would ride with
24 police officers at night who did not have partners; and

25 WHEREAS, he has two beloved children, Larry Lane and Beverly McEachern; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Lane's impressive career, he made an impression on both the
27 people of Brunswick and the entire radio industry, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
28 the time, talents, and energy invested by this individual in a job he so loved be recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize Mr. John Lane for his incredible career in radio and congratulate his family upon
31 the occasion of this unforgettable radio personality's induction into the Georgia Radio Hall
32 of Fame.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
34 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Lane.