

Senate Resolution 573

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Billy Douglas "Cotton" Morrison; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Mr. Billy Douglas "Cotton" Morrison on January 30, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was born on November 18, 1934, in Chickamauga, a beloved son  
6 of the late James Lorence Morrison and Emma Abraham Morrison; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
8 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans from 1957 to 1960  
9 and acquiring the rank of Specialist 4th Class; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1987, he retired after 31 years of working as an electrician through the  
11 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 175; and

12 WHEREAS, an involved and dedicated member of his community, Mr. Morrison served as  
13 a Boy Scout leader for the Explorers group in Chickamauga in the 1960s; chairman of the  
14 annual golf tournament sponsored by the Gordon Lee Memorial High School Alumni  
15 Association for ten years; charter member and president of the Mended Hearts Association,  
16 Chattanooga Chapter; and member, secretary, and vice president of the Chickamauga Lions  
17 Club; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1999, Mr. Morrison and his wife were awarded the Roy Gilstrap Alumni  
19 Support Award as Distinguished Alumnus from the Gordon Lee Memorial High School  
20 Alumni Association; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Morrison was an active member of  
22 Fellowship Baptist Church for more than 45 years, where he served as a Sunday school  
23 teacher, deacon, and trustee; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was united in love and marriage to Mrs. Claudette Johnson  
25 Morrison for 58 years and was blessed with one remarkable daughter, Amelia; and

26 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
27 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
28 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Billy Douglas "Cotton" Morrison will  
33 long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and  
34 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Billy Douglas "Cotton" Morrison and express  
37 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Billy Douglas "Cotton"  
40 Morrison.