

Senate Resolution 620

By: Senator Jeffares of the 17th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Simon Thomas "Tom" Ellis; 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 Simon Thomas "Tom" Ellis on February 9, 2013, at the age of 91; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Tom was born on July 10, 1921, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of John  
5 Mundy and Rosa Crowell Ellis; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army Air Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during  
8 World War II as Tech Sergeant and Flight Engineer; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after moving to McDonough, Georgia, he graduated from Crichton's Business  
10 College and went on to attend the Woodrow Wilson School of Law; and in 1952, he began  
11 practicing law with E.L. Reagan; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as a McDonough City Councilman and as the McDonough City  
13 Attorney before being elected to the Georgia House of Representatives, and Tom later served  
14 in the Georgia Senate; and
- 15 WHEREAS, at the end of his service in the Georgia Senate, he went back to serve as the  
16 McDonough City Attorney from 1965 until his resignation in 1997; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Tom was also a board member and organizer of The First State Bank, serving  
18 on the Board of Directors until 2001 and as its legal counsel until 2007; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he loved to golf, hunt, and fish and was active in many community and church  
20 organizations, teaching men's Sunday school classes for 40 years, serving as a deacon, and  
21 coaching men's softball and youth baseball teams; and

22 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by the love of his life for 57 years, Ann Kathleen  
23 Branan Ellis, and his son, T.A. Ellis; and he is survived by his daughters, Ann Elaine Rouse  
24 and Mary Lynn Lambert; grandchildren, Robyn Ellis Vaughn and Ansley, Sadie, and Rip  
25 Lambert; great-grandchildren, Jake and Rayce Vaughn and Ryker Lambert; brother, Sid  
26 Ellis; most special friend, Nancy Hollingsworth; and numerous other family members and  
27 friends; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Tom will long be remembered for his love  
29 of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
30 him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Simon Thomas "Tom" Ellis and express their deepest  
33 and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Simon Thomas "Tom"  
36 Ellis.