

The Senate Rules Committee offered the following substitute to SR 203:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Mr. Dick Pettys, expressing regret at his passing, and directing  
2 placement of a plaque in his honor; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque honoring Mr. Dick Pettys shall be placed inside  
23 and outside of the glass in the Senate chamber press box.

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