

Senate Resolution 780

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Roger Sheridan; 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 Roger Sheridan on December 3, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
5 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during WWII; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheridan, 92, was believed to be the oldest serving mayor in Georgia and
7 was reelected to his second term as Newborn mayor this November after running unopposed;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, fellow local officials and residents marveled at Mr. Sheridan's energy and
10 accomplishments at such an advanced age, accomplishments that proceeded successful
11 careers in both the United States military and as an engineer; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Shirley, for 69 years and was
13 blessed with six remarkable children; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheridan gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep
15 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
16 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he received a bachelor's degree from Westminster College in 1955 and
18 completed a one-year soils-in-construction course through Harvard Graduate School and a
19 safety engineer program from New York University Graduate School; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheridan worked with the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a
21 professional engineer and land surveyor; in his 48 years as an engineer, he managed projects

22 in more than 32 countries and 17 states, building airports, dams, ports, highways, buildings,
23 and water treatment plants; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Roger Sheridan will long be remembered
28 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal man will be missed by all who had the
29 great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Roger Sheridan and express their deepest and most
32 sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Roger Sheridan.