

Senate Resolution 837

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Joseph E. Cheeley, Jr.; 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 Joseph E. Cheeley, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
5 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the  
6 Korean Conflict; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Joseph Cheeley was an active member of  
8 United Methodist Church and was active on church committees; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Selma Medlock and was blessed with five  
10 remarkable children, Joseph E. Cheeley III, Robert D. Cheeley, Susan M. Cheeley, John P.  
11 Cheeley, and James N. Cheeley, and eight wonderful grandchildren; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Joseph E. Cheeley, Jr., served as the only Gwinnett State Court judge for 21  
13 years until 1979 and was a member of the United States and Korean Supreme Court Bars;  
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, a recipient of many titles, Joseph E. Cheeley, Jr., was selected as the Gwinnett  
16 "Man of the Year" in 1963, Georgia "Five Outstanding Young Men," and "Nation's  
17 Outstanding Young Men"; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Joseph E. Cheeley, Jr., gave his time to public service, including two terms on  
19 the Buford Board of Education, delegate to the 1968 and 1972 Democratic National  
20 Conventions, Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor, Gainesville College Trustee, a founder and chair  
21 of the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority, and member of the State Properties  
22 Commission; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Joseph E. Cheeley, Jr., will long be  
27 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will  
28 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

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

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Joseph E. Cheeley, Jr.