

## Senate Resolution 1024

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Cowser of the 46th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Donald Eugene Panoz; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Donald Eugene Panoz was born February 13, 1935, in Ohio and began his  
3 involvement with automobiles in the 1940s, building and racing cars in soap box derbies as  
4 a child; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Armed Forces and was stationed in Japan during  
6 the 1950s where he founded the Shrine Bowl, a football event involving United States  
7 soldiers and Japanese college students, with proceeds donated to the local orphanage; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Donald co-founded Milan Pharmaceuticals, which later became Mylan Labs,  
9 a contract manufacturer of oral medicines, and he was the youngest president of a  
10 pharmaceutical company in the United States; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in the 1970s he founded the Elan Corporation and Shop & Save, a health and  
12 beauty shop, in Ireland; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Donald opened Elan Pharmaceutical in Georgia in the 1980s, and it was the first  
14 Irish company to be listed on the United States stock exchange; and
- 15 WHEREAS, using the Elan name, he also opened Chateau Elan Winery & Resort in Georgia,  
16 Chateau Elan Hotel/Spa in Australia, Club Elan, which is a golf club, and Elan Motors; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Donald has been heavily involved in motorsports, including founding the  
18 American Le Mans Racing Series, owning three major race tracks in Georgia, Florida, and  
19 Canada, and working as managing partner of the Delta Wing Car, both race and street  
20 versions; and

21 WHEREAS, on November 16, 2013, Donald was inducted into the Entrepreneur Hall of  
22 Fame.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 recognize Donald Eugene Panoz for his countless accomplishments as an entrepreneur and  
25 for his involvement in the racing and hospitality industries in the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Donald Eugene Panoz.