

Senate Resolution 1102

By: Senators Jackson of the 24th, Hill of the 4th, Balfour of the 9th, Thompson of the 33rd and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing James "Jimmy" Luther Lester; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, James "Jimmy" Luther Lester has exemplified the concept of public service for
3 more than 50 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after graduating from the Academy of Richmond in 1949, he attended the
5 Citadel Military College in Charleston, South Carolina, and went on to serve as a Second
6 Lieutenant in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict until 1954; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after the war, Jimmy Lester obtained his law degree in 1957 from the University
8 of Georgia and returned to his home in Augusta to practice law with his father, William M.
9 Lester; and
- 10 WHEREAS, from 1971-1984, he served the people of Augusta as their representative in the
11 Georgia State Senate as the chairman of the Banking and Finance Committee and the Mental
12 Health Committee; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Mental Health Committee, Jimmy Lester provided much
14 needed attention and funding to the plight of the mentally ill; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after serving with the Georgia State Senate, he continued his public service by
16 being nominated for and joining the Georgia Department of Transportation Board where he
17 served for 15 years; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Jimmy Lester was instrumental in receiving funding for various Department of
19 Transportation projects, including the construction of the Riverwatch Parkway, the I-520
20 extension into South Carolina, the expansion of Mike Padgett Highway, and the
21 reconstruction of the I-520 and I-20 interchanges; and

22 WHEREAS, his support for these projects has led to increased economic prosperity for many
23 citizens of Augusta.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend and recognize James "Jimmy" Luther Lester for his service to this country and
26 state and the citizens of Richmond County.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to James "Jimmy" Luther Lester.