

Senate Resolution 1139

By: Senators Carter of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of A.J. Cohen, 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 A.J. Cohen, Jr., on February 5, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen was born on July 4, 1920, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, a beloved son
5 of the late A.J. Cohen, Sr., and Mildred Kahn Cohen; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Armed Forces as a First Lieutenant with the 100th Bomb Group of the Mighty Eighth,
8 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War II; he later
9 served stateside during the Korean Conflict; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Cohen was an active member and
11 president of Congregation Mickve Israel; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a fourth generation merchant serving the Savannah community, Mr. Cohen
13 owned and operated the Lady Jane Shop until his retirement in 1992 and was affectionately
14 known as "the mayor of Bull Street"; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was well-respected both locally and nationally and was a president of the
16 National Retail Merchants Association; in 1981, he was named Independent Retailer of the
17 Year by that group; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen was deeply involved in the Savannah community, founding the Lady
19 Jane's Foster Children's Tennis Tournament and Road Race; he was also a charter member
20 of the L'Alliance Francaise; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Gloria "Kelly" Stein Cohen and was
22 blessed with four remarkable children, A.J. III, Sanford, George, and Julia, and five
23 wonderful grandchildren, Addison, Chaya, Alexa, Laila, and Jared; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep
25 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
26 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
28 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
29 the 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 A.J. Cohen, Jr., 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 A.J. Cohen, Jr.