

Senate Resolution 1197

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Tolleson of the 20th and Chance of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Buckner "Buck" Melton, Sr.; 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 Buckner "Buck" Melton, Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Melton served as mayor of Macon, Georgia, in 1975 for one term before
5 deciding not to seek reelection in 1979; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a founding partner of the firm McKenna, House, Lancaster & Green but
7 took his name off the practice after becoming mayor; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Melton was forward-thinking when it came to the development of Macon
9 and was a staunch advocate of consolidation with Bibb County and making the city the
10 economic hub of the Middle Georgia region; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
12 States Navy during World War II as an amphibious warfare officer in the Pacific theater; he
13 was later recalled to active duty during the Korean War, retiring from the United States Navy
14 Reserve in 1983 as a lieutenant commander; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Melton was united in love and marriage to Tommie Melton and was blessed
16 with two remarkable children, Leigh and Buckner, Jr., and one wonderful grandson; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
19 family and friends were admired by others; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Melton was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
21 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of
22 his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
24 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
25 the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Buckner "Buck" Melton, Sr., and express their
28 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Buckner "Buck" Melton,
31 Sr.