

Senate Resolution 1254

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Harbison of the 15th, Chance of the 16th, Staton of the 18th and McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing condolences on the passing of J. Leonard Morgan, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, J. Leonard Morgan, Jr., a lifelong Talbot County resident, 32nd degree Mason,
3 and veteran, passed from this Earth on March 17, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, for his entire career, he was the mainstay of Morgan Oil Company, which he
5 and his father, J. L. Morgan, Sr., founded; he was a loyal partner with Shell Oil for over 50
6 years and he served as president of the Georgia Oilmen's Association and was recognized as
7 one of its stalwart defenders and leaders for many years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in his teens, he was known as "Ace" because of his baseball skills and later that
9 nickname followed him to various golf courses in the area; as an adult, he was a scratch
10 golfer and he lived to compete on both the golf course and the tennis court; and
- 11 WHEREAS, it was on the tennis court that he taught his two younger sons the art of
12 mastering "anger management;" he was known to carry his golf clubs in the cab of his
13 gasoline transport truck, making before-dawn deliveries so he could stop at the old course
14 in Warm Springs for a round, often without the knowledge of anyone except those with
15 whom he played; his back-to-back club championship play at Warm Springs remained a fond
16 memory through the years and later on, he would be a regular at the Columbus Country Club
17 Men's Grill for golf on good days and cards when the weather turned sour; and
- 18 WHEREAS, for all of his 81 years he was inspired by the love of his mother, Helen Flowers
19 Morgan, and the love of his life and best friend, Barbara, who survives him after 56 years of
20 marriage; his three sons, Jay, Wes, and Ted, all knew his pride in them, and his
21 grandchildren, Caroline, Jason, Victoria, Olivia, Elizabeth, Griffin, and Helen, all
22 experienced his good humor; he leaves a legacy through his charity to others and his guiding
23 hand with business associates and customers of his company; he will be remembered by all

24 as the "tough love" businessman whose word was his bond and who gave to many the chance
25 to succeed if they would work as hard as he did to serve the customer.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 express their heartfelt regret on the passing of J. Leonard Morgan, Jr., and offer their
28 sincerest condolences to his family and friends upon this sad occasion.

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 J. Leonard Morgan, Jr.