

House Resolution 1956

By: Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd, Gordon of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Michael Joseph Manhatton; 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 Michael Joseph Manhatton on March 10, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in the late 1970s, Mr. Manhatton began his television career with KHQA in
5 Quincy as a street reporter and later as anchor; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during Mr. Manhatton's tenure at KHQA, Doug Weathers from WTOC
7 recruited him to join the WTOC family, where he worked as a reporter and anchor for 33
8 years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Manhatton won an Emmy for excellence in television for best news cast
10 and an individual Emmy for best documentary, and he also received the Silver Circle
11 Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he received the St. Barbara Award from the United States Military for his news
13 coverage of the military and was honored with the Georgia Commendation Medal for
14 military affairs by the Georgia Department of Defense-Military Division for his coverage of
15 the 165th Airlift Wing; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Manhatton also hosted the Children's Miracle Network Telethon for many
17 years, where he instructed, lectured, and shared with other broadcasters how to improve their
18 production; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Mariella S. Manhatton and was blessed
20 with two remarkable stepchildren, Gabriella and Caroline; and

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

24 WHEREAS, his legacy will forever continue in Savannah as one that deeply loved his family
25 and his television family; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Manhatton will long be remembered
27 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by
28 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Michael Joseph Manhatton
31 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Michael
34 Joseph Manhatton.