

Senate Resolution 132

By: Senator Jackson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John Peyson Drinkard, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, John Peyson Drinkard, Sr., was born on June 8, 1898, in Lincolnton, Georgia,
3 and lived a life of community and state service until his passing on July 21, 1960; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Drinkard launched his long career of public service in the field of
5 journalism in 1914, while in his early teens, writing the *Drinkardville News* from a handmade
6 desk in his home; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Drinkard was hired as an employee of the *Lincoln Journal* in 1920, then
8 became its owner and editor in 1924; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout years of prosperity and depression, sickness and health, his utmost
10 desire was to be of service to Lincoln County and the people he loved through the *Lincoln*
11 *Journal*; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Drinkard was a legislator for 18 years, serving in the Georgia House of
13 Representatives from 1937 until 1956 and the Georgia State Senate from 1945 until 1958;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, he was an official delegate at the inauguration of President Truman in 1949 and
16 an official delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1956; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Drinkard received the Outstanding Citizen Award for Lincoln County in
18 1954, which was presented by the Woodmen of the World; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a Mason and received a 25 year membership pin from the Lincolnton
20 Masonic Lodge; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Drinkard played a role in securing many civic improvements for Lincoln
22 County and was admired locally and throughout the State of Georgia, because serving others
23 and his family was very important to him; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Drinkard was united in love and marriage to Blanche Burton Drinkard on
25 August 22, 1948, and was blessed with five remarkable children, Helen Drinkard Turner,
26 LeVerte Drinkard Moss, John Peyson Drinkard, Jr., Edwin Reid Drinkard, and Homer
27 Talbert Drinkard.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in commending John Peyson Drinkard, Sr., for his innumerable good works rendered to
30 his community and the State of Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of John
33 Peyson Drinkard, Sr.