

Senate Resolution 141

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Gary Chadwick Durrence; 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 Gary Chadwick Durrence on December 25, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Chad was born on June 27, 1970, in Gainesville, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 Gary and Linda Durrence; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended elementary school and early high school in Rabun County but
7 graduated from Palmetto High School which he attended while living on the campus of the
8 Georgia Baptist Children's Home; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after graduation, Chad lived in a group home in Atlanta where he learned to
10 navigate the entire city on the MARTA system; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Chad loved sports, especially the Georgia Bulldogs and the Carrollton Trojan
12 Football Team; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Chad was an avid NASCAR fan and loved spending time at the North Georgia
14 tracks with the local race car drivers, particularly Shane Garrett and Wesley English; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he spent time at Pritchett Tire Company and Dean's Wrecker Service in
16 Clayton, Georgia, and worked for several years at Burger King; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Chad had a loving, supportive family including his parents; his sister Kristen,
18 her husband Jay, and their children James and Adair; and his aunts, Louise, Mildred, and
19 Betty; and

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

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Chad will long be remembered for his love
27 of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Gary Chadwick Durrence and express their deepest
30 and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 Gary
33 Chadwick Durrence.