

Senate Resolution 358

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Harper of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Cowser of the 46th and Bethel of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert Forest "Bobby" Towns; 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 Mr. Robert Forest "Bobby" Towns on February 10, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Towns attended Athens High School where he was voted "Best Looking"
5 and graduated in 1956 as the valedictorian; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Towns played football at the University of Georgia, as did his father, who
7 was the first Georgian to ever win an Olympic Medal, and son; Mr. Towns went on to play
8 in the NFL for the Cardinals and the Patriots; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Towns officiated SEC football for 30 years, totaling more than 200 games;
10 he spent all 76 years of his life involved in the Georgia Football Program for which his father
11 had been an assistant coach when he was born; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
13 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans, retiring as colonel;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Towns was united in love and marriage to Mary Robin Redfearn Towns
16 and was blessed with three remarkable children, Forrest, Ashley, and Kirby, and nine
17 wonderful grandchildren, Sarah, Forrest, Julianna, Marimartin, Matthew, Leslie, Lauren,
18 Lovett, and Bonnell; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was a world traveler who had been to all 50 states, he was a successful
20 business man, he coached several youth teams to championships, he was an awesome dancer,
21 and he was a great role model; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Towns will long be remembered for
26 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, son, brother, and friend will
27 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 Mr. Robert Forrest "Bobby" Towns and express their
30 deepest 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 Mr.
33 Robert Forrest "Bobby" Towns.