

Senate Resolution 378

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Millar of the 40th, Lucas of the 26th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr.; 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 Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr., on May 28, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Wyc was born on October 28, 1946, in Tifton, Georgia, and graduated from Tift
5 County High School in 1964; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree with high honors from Auburn
7 University, graduating first in his business school class, Phi Kappa Phi, and as a
8 distinguished military graduate; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in addition, Wyc earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Tennessee
10 College of Law, where he graduated first in his class, Order of the Coif, and was a law
11 review editor; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he had a long and distinguished legal career, practicing law for 43 years,
13 including service as a captain of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps,
14 West Germany, followed by 40 years of private practice; and
- 15 WHEREAS, as a legal advocate, Wyc focused intensely on providing and ensuring
16 representation for the poor, injured, those treated unjustly, and individuals less fortunate than
17 himself; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his work on behalf of indigent defense manifested itself in his spearheading the
19 creation of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, for which he served as a charter
20 board member from 2003 to 2011; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2008, he was named a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and was
22 awarded the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Indigent Defense Award;
23 his work on behalf of indigent defense culminated with his 2014 receipt of the Southern
24 Center for Human Right's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

25 WHEREAS, among Wyc's numerous legal accomplishments and accolades are his service
26 on the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors, as member of the Georgia House of
27 Representatives from 1989 to 1993, and as vice chair of Common Cause Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, his unwavering dedication to his wife, Lyn Harden Orr; their daughter, Kris;
29 their son, Cliff; four grandchildren; and his law firm displays his high morals, ideals, and
30 deep concern for his fellow man; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Wyc will long be remembered for his love
32 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
33 the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
35 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Eston
36 Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere feeling of regret at his
37 passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Eston
40 Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr.