

Senate Resolution 470

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Shafer of the 48th and Cowsert of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Verdis C. Puckett; 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 Verdis C. Puckett on November 29, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Puckett was born on August 5, 1928, in Gwinnett County, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of V. H. Puckett and Carrine Clark Puckett, and he played an integral part in the
6 Gwinnett and Hall County communities for 86 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he and his loving wife, Mary A. Puckett, were united in marriage for 60 years;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Army after graduating from the United States Army Officer Candidates School until
11 he was honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Puckett owned Gainesville Iron Works from 1961 to 1995, during which
13 time he grew the business from a local steel supply firm to one with product and service
14 distribution throughout the Southeast; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he owned Power Cranes, Inc., which sold and serviced overhead cranes and
16 equipment to a variety of customers; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Puckett served as a Sunday School teacher
18 for many years and served on a number of committees at his church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he and his wife created the Verdis C. and Mary A. Puckett Foundation to
20 support charitable, educational, and health care causes in the area; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Verdis C. Puckett will long be remembered
28 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband and friend will be missed by all
29 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Verdis C. Puckett and express their deepest and most
32 sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
35 Verdis C. Puckett.