

Senate Resolution 588

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Cowser of the 46th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of J. Carlton Jay Lawson; 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 J. Carlton Jay Lawson on March 14, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was born on June 6, 1942, in Swainsboro, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of J. Carl Lawson and Ida Pearl Neal Lawson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended the Emanuel County school system and graduated from Swainsboro
7 High School in 1959 before earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance
8 from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson worked in Athens and Macon as an insurance adjuster before
10 returning to Emanuel County and running for political office; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Emanuel County chapter of the American Red
12 Cross and was elected Clerk of Superior and State Court of Emanuel County, a position in
13 which he honorably served for 40 years until his retirement in 2012; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was recognized as Outstanding Young Man of the Swainsboro
15 Jaycees in 1975 and was awarded the Clerk of the Year Award in 1991; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lawson was an active member of First
17 United Methodist Church of Swainsboro, where he served on the administrative board; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was united in love and marriage to Ann Powell Lawson and was
19 blessed with two remarkable children, Andi and Jason, and four wonderful grandchildren,
20 Ericka, Lawson, William, and Jack; 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, J. Carlton Jay Lawson will long be
28 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend
29 will be missed by all 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 J. Carlton Jay Lawson and express their deepest and
32 most 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 J.
35 Carlton Jay Lawson.