

Senate Resolution 328

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lyndon A. Wade; 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 Lyndon A. Wade on January 28, 2017, at 82 years of age; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born in Atlanta, Georgia, Lyndon A. Wade has long been recognized by the
5 citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal
6 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
9 dramatically by his legacy of achievement in civil rights, health care, and the promotion of
10 equal opportunity for all; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a graduate of both Morehouse College and the Atlanta University School of
12 Social Work, Lyndon was an effective community leader who chaired Atlanta's Bi-Racial
13 Advisory Committee, helping to forge the "Atlanta Compromise" that ended 15 years of
14 court struggles to integrate Atlanta's public schools, and was an architect of MARTA's
15 Affirmative Action program that resulted in hundreds of jobs for minorities and women; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he worked with the United States Department of Labor to impose a federal
17 employment plan that served as a guide for hiring minority and women workers in the
18 construction industry world wide and was the head of the Atlanta Urban League for three
19 decades to advance opportunities for thousands of people in the area; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Lyndon was united in love and marriage to his loving wife and was blessed with
21 four remarkable children and two wonderful grandchildren; and

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

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

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

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

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
36 Lyndon A. Wade.