

## Senate Resolution 490

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Unterman of the 45th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Cecil William Davis; 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 Cecil William Davis on March 11, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Cecil William Davis was born on October 17, 1920, a beloved son of Jewel  
5 Yow Davis and Mae Smith Davis; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army Air Corps, during which time he developed a physical training program for  
8 military personnel at Freeman Field Air Base in Seymour, Indiana, for 10,000 enlisted men;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Piedmont College, a master's degree from  
11 Vanderbilt University, and a specialist degree in school administration from the University  
12 of Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Cecil tirelessly directed an extraordinary amount of time and talent toward  
14 ensuring the success of the young people of this state and earned distinction and recognition  
15 as a result of his dedication to his profession and his contributions to his community and the  
16 State of Georgia; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of First Baptist of  
18 Oakwood Church, serving as chairman of the deacons and as a Sunday School teacher; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his late wife, Margie, and was blessed  
20 with four remarkable children, Jerry, Jackie, Jody, and Jaimie; ten wonderful grandchildren;  
21 and seven amazing great-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, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
26 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
27 made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Cecil William Davis will long be  
29 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great  
30 fortune of knowing 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 Cecil William Davis and express their deepest and  
33 most 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 Cecil  
36 William Davis.