

Senate Resolution 868

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring John Bingham McKibbon, Jr., for his induction into the Georgia
2 Aviation Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Coweta County, and a graduate of Gainesville High School, John
4 Bingham McKibbon, Jr., attended North Georgia College; and

5 WHEREAS, he earned his pilot's wings in 1942 and in 1944 was piloting B-25 bombers as
6 part of a five man crew completing 59 missions throughout the Pacific Ocean region,
7 including New Guinea, the Philippines, the South China Sea, China, and Taiwan during
8 World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. McKibbon returned to active duty with the United States Air Force during
10 the Korean War as a pilot of tanker aircraft refueling B-47s and B-50s and a trainer of other
11 pilots in midair refueling techniques; and

12 WHEREAS, an accomplished pilot, having first flown at age eight with his first solo flight
13 at age 19, he also taught his wife and children to fly, owned numerous aircraft, and was a
14 perennial advocate for general aviation; and

15 WHEREAS, this distinguished and decorated serviceman went on to a successful business
16 career as an industry leader of poultry production, real estate development, and hotel and
17 hospitality ventures; and

18 WHEREAS, on April 28, 2018, Mr. McKibbon will be formally inducted into the Georgia
19 Aviation Hall of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. McKibbon is rightfully deserving of admission into the Georgia Aviation
21 Hall of Fame for his many successes and the example he has set for so many, and it is both

22 fitting and proper that we recognize this great pilot's contribution to Georgia's aviation
23 history.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend and honor John Bingham McKibbon, Jr., for his induction into the Georgia
26 Aviation Hall of Fame and look forward to seeing this outstanding Georgian's achievements
27 recognized and recorded in Georgia's aviation history and legacy.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John Bingham
30 McKibbon, Jr.