

Senate Resolution 869

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Lonnie Gordon Pope; 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 Dr. Lonnie Gordon Pope on January 24, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Lonnie Gordon Pope was born in Douglas, Georgia, and lived there a
5 number of years before moving to Hall County; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Georgia and obtained a doctorate from the
7 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, this devout member of Trinity Baptist Church
9 also taught Sunday school; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he wrote numerous songs and had a number one hit with the song, "Knock
11 Three Times," which was sung by Billy "Crash" Craddock; and
- 12 WHEREAS, although music may have stimulated his soul, it was Dr. Pope's family, his wife,
13 Suellen, and his children, Chris, Michelle, Stephen, and Lauren, who truly lit up his life; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was quite the renaissance man, one who was not only trained in evangelism
15 and musically talented, but he was also skilled at counseling, accounting, marketing, and
16 sales; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Dr. Pope possessed a special and unique kindness that left everyone he met
18 feeling like they had made an authentic connection with a genuine individual who truly cared
19 about those around him; and

20 WHEREAS, this man of 78 years would tell anyone who would listen to dream big, keep
21 their dreams alive, and be relentless in one's goals; and

22 WHEREAS, he was as humble as he was successful and he demonstrated the acumen of a
23 skilled businessman while setting an example of good stewardship and true kindness; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Pope, a compassionate and generous individual, will long be remembered
25 by his friends, family, and the innumerable individuals who have benefited from their
26 encounters with this distinguished, iconic, and beloved Georgian.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Lonnie Gordon Pope and express their deepest
29 and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Dr.
32 Lonnie Gordon Pope.