

## Senate Resolution 388

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Stone of the 23rd, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 1st and Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Alton W. 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 Alton W. Lawson on February 17, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Alton W. Lawson was born on July 8, 1935, in Swainsboro, Georgia, a beloved  
5 son of Alton B. and Lincie Dee Powell Lawson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia  
7 National Guard for 33 years, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans,  
8 retiring as a brigadier general; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Alton was an active member of First Baptist  
10 Church of Swainsboro, where he served on the active deacon committee; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Martha Jane, and was blessed  
12 with two remarkable children, Al and Donna; seven wonderful grandchildren, Sammi, Liz,  
13 Kimber, Katie, Kara, Raven, and Logan; and six superb great-grandchildren, Braydon,  
14 Alyssa, Mercer, Kennedy, Palmer, and Dax; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Alton will long be remembered for his love  
22 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
23 knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Alton W. Lawson and express their deepest and most  
26 sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
29 Alton W. Lawson.