

Senate Resolution 394

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Henson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th, Ginn of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Senator Donn M. Peevy; 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 Senator Donn M. Peevy, on January 13, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, during his remarkable life, Senator Peevy served this state as a police officer,
5 prosecutor, defense attorney, national guardsman, and state senator; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Senator Peevy was born in 1949 in Buford, Georgia; he graduated from Buford
7 High School in 1967; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia
9 National Guard and the Gwinnett County Police Department's Vice and Intelligence Division
10 from 1969 to 1975; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Senator Peevy earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Georgia
12 State University in 1974 and his juris doctorate degree from the Atlanta Law School in 1980;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, he served as a legislative assistant to United States Congressman Edgar Jenkins
15 from 1976 to 1979; Senator Peevy became the Gwinnett County State Court prosecutor in
16 1980; and
- 17 WHEREAS, two years later, he was elected to the Georgia Senate as a Democrat
18 representing the 48th Senate District, a seat which he held until 1990; Senator Peevy served
19 as a member of the chamber's Transportation and Appropriations Committees and as
20 chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

21 WHEREAS, during his service, Senator Peevy secured funding for the Gwinnett County
22 Senior Center and helped pass the Informed Consent Bill, the Recall of Officials Bill, and
23 the Spousal Amenity Bill, among other pieces of legislation; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Peevy continued working in private practice before closing his law firm
25 in 2017; and

26 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Jerrie, and was blessed with
27 remarkable daughters and grandchildren; and

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

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

34 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Senator Peevy will long be remembered
35 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
36 fortune of knowing him.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 join in honoring the life and memory of Senator Donn M. Peevy, and express their deepest
39 and most sincere regret at his passing.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
42 Senator Donn M. Peevy.