

## Senate Resolution 549

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Dolezal of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Strickland of the 17th, Brass of the 28th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and recognizing the life and memory of Dr. Esco Hall Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Esco Hall Jr. was born on February 3, 1948, in Wheeler County, Georgia;  
3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall attended Wheeler County Training School, graduating as valedictorian  
5 of the Class of 1966; after graduation, Dr. Hall attended Fort Valley College to study  
6 agriculture science; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 1968, he matriculated at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary  
8 Medicine; in 1973, he became the first African American to graduate from the college; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall relocated to Baxley, Georgia, and became owner and operator of  
10 Appling Animal Hospital, where he served Appling County and the surrounding area for over  
11 46 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he also owned Baxley Funeral Home, a beautiful establishment located next to  
13 Appling Animal Hospital; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1983, Dr. Hall was elected to serve the City of Baxley as a city  
15 councilperson, representing District 2 until 2019; in 1998, Dr. Hall was elected by his  
16 colleagues as mayor pro tem; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall served many boards, committees, and organizations, including: the 100  
18 Black Men of Southeast Georgia, the Lambda Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the  
19 Action Pact, the Appling County NAACP, the Appling County Development Authority, the  
20 Appling County Board of Education System Stakeholder Committee, and many other  
21 entities; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 honor and recognize the lifetime of service and legacy of Dr. Esco Hall Jr. and express their  
27 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of Dr.  
30 Esco Hall Jr.