

Senate Resolution 962

By: Senator Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mayor Ronnie A. Dixon Sr.; 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 Mayor Ronnie A. Dixon Sr. on April 1, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Dixon was a lifelong resident of Vidalia, Georgia, and a beloved son of
5 Hugh M. Dixon and Myrtice Dixon Young; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Army
7 National Guard and the Air National Guard, exemplifying the highest ideals of public
8 service; and

9 WHEREAS, active in Vidalia politics for decades, Mayor Dixon first served on the Vidalia
10 City Council from 1978 until he was elected mayor in 1994, a position he held until his
11 passing; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, he served as a member of the Georgia Municipal
13 Association (GMA), where he was recently inducted into the GMA Hall of Fame; as a
14 member of Vidalia First United Methodist Church, where he held a position on the Usher
15 Committee; and as a member of the Vidalia Rotary Club; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Sandy, and was blessed with
17 three remarkable sons, Ronald Jr., Hugh, and Randy; and five wonderful grandchildren,
18 Landon, Sutton, Ellie, Calhoun, and Mills; and

19 WHEREAS, a devoted fan of the University of Georgia Bulldogs, Mayor Dixon sported a
20 year-round wardrobe of red and black and regularly watched the team play in Athens,
21 Georgia, where he enjoyed tailgating with family and friends; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mayor Dixon will long be remembered for
29 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
30 fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Mayor Ronnie A. Dixon Sr. and express their
33 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
36 Mayor Ronnie A. Dixon Sr.