

House Resolution 1602

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, England of the 116th, Parrish of the 158th, Tankersley of the 160th, Hitchens of the 161st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Senator Jack Hill; 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 Jack Hill on April 6, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Senator Hill was first elected to the Georgia Senate from the 4th District in
- 5 1990 and was reelected in 2018 to his 15th two-year term; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he served in many different leadership positions, including
- 7 chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and vice chairman of the Senate Rules
- 8 Committee; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as Appropriations chairman, his efforts to base funding on clearly defined
- 10 purposes and measurements allowed the Senate to change the budget process in Georgia to
- 11 a results-based form; and
- 12 WHEREAS, over his illustrious career, Senator Hill sponsored key legislation that resulted
- 13 in tangible benefits for the citizens of Georgia, such as the expansion of the state's job tax
- 14 credit for economically depressed areas, the introduction and implementation of early voting,
- 15 and a 5 percent fine surcharge aimed at funding local victim assistance programs statewide;
- 16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, his efforts in securing funding for state parks and academic institutions in his
- 18 district have greatly improved the quality of life and education, exemplifying his efficacy as
- 19 a public servant; and
- 20 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Senator Hill served as chairman of the Tattnall
- 21 County Development Authority, a Lion, a Rotarian, and head of a local historic preservation
- 22 project that won a national award; and

23 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia
24 Air National Guard for 33 years as a unit commander and as State Inspector General; he
25 retired in 2004 from the United States Air Force Reserve, where he served as a reserve forces
26 officer assigned to the selective service system; and

27 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Senator Hill was an active member of the
28 Reidsville Baptist Church; and

29 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Ruth Ann, and was blessed with
30 three remarkable children and seven outstanding grandchildren; and

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

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

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Senator Hill will long be remembered for
38 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
39 fortune of knowing him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Senator Jack Hill and
42 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 family of Senator Jack Hill.