

Senate Resolution 119

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Shelby C. Peeples Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the peaceful passing of Shelby C. Peeples Jr. on February 10, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Shelby C. Peeples Jr. was born in Whitfield County, a beloved son of Shelby
5 Sr. and Lilly Mae Peeples; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his high school sweetheart, Willena, and
7 was blessed with four remarkable children, Jane, Bryan, Alan, and Tom; nine wonderful
8 grandchildren; and nine outstanding great-grandchildren; and
- 9 WHEREAS, carrying an inherent desire to help others, he and his wife financially supported
10 the establishment of a lab facility for Dalton State College; partnered with the Whitfield
11 Healthcare Foundation to create a state-of-the-art cancer facility; invested in the JA
12 Discovery Center of Greater Dalton; and were the founders of the First Bank of Dalton; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in recognition of their achievements in business, industry, and philanthropy,
14 Shelby and his wife were inducted as laureates into the Junior Achievement of Northwest

15 Georgia Business Hall of Fame in 2015 and were named recipients of the Whitfield
16 Healthcare Foundation's 2018 Humanitarian Award; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Shelby C. Peeples Jr. will long be
24 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
25 had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Shelby C. Peeples Jr. and express their deepest and
28 most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
31 Shelby C. Peeples Jr.