

## Senate Resolution 535

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Goodman of the 8th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mack Newman "Bud" Lunsford; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, many, including the short-track racing world, mourn the passing of Mack  
3 Newman "Bud" Lunsford in December 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the White County native, longtime Gainesvillian, and Lyman Hall High School  
5 graduate was retired from the Gainesville Bowling Center and Lanier Raceway; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mack N. "Bud" Lunsford reached state and national acclaim as a short-track  
7 racer, car builder, and track owner, winning an incredible 1,139 races in his 25 year career;  
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, his love of race cars and racing began at an early age, and at Looper's Speedway  
10 as a local mechanic, Willard Talley let him drive his car; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he began racing cars at age 21 in 1956 at Toccoa Speedway, where he won  
12 more than 60 races a year and was considered the best driver on the track; and

13 WHEREAS, in a memorable interview, he said, "I towed the car, worked on the car, built the  
14 engine, and never did have but one sponsor"; and

15 WHEREAS, besides area tracks, he raced at Banks County, the Peach Bowl, Rome,  
16 Woodstock, Canton, and Forsyth County, along with Greenwood and Anderson in South  
17 Carolina and in Alabama and Florida; and

18 WHEREAS, he is honored by membership in the National Dirt Track Racing Association  
19 Hall of Fame and the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, and he was named Racing Promoter of  
20 the Year in 1987; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mack Newman "Bud" Lunsford will long  
22 be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all  
23 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Mack N. "Bud" Lunsford; express that his passing  
26 marks a milestone in Georgia's storied short-track racing industry and that he fittingly earned  
27 the beloved "good guy" image as a racing legend; and express their deepest and most sincere  
28 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 Mack Newman "Bud" Lunsford.