

Senate Resolution 604

By: Senators Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th and Anavitarte of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James Edwin Busbin; 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 James Edwin Busbin on January 19, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, James Edwin Busbin was born on August 15, 1931, during the Great Depression
5 in the Bill Arp Community, and was raised in a hardworking family and developed a lifelong
6 work ethic shaped by perseverance and responsibility; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was the proud father to Brenda Jane Busbin, and was a devoted grandfather
10 and great-grandfather; and
- 11 WHEREAS, James Edwin Busbin discovered his calling in funeral service, earning his
12 Georgia Funeral Director License in 1964, and opening J. E. Busbin Funeral Home &
13 Ambulance Service in 1966; and

14 WHEREAS, he also enjoyed a distinguished 30-year career with Sears & Roebuck, earning
15 Top Salesman of the Year for the Southeast Territory multiple times, and later owned
16 Busbin's Flooring, conducting business with integrity and trust; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2002, he helped found J. Collins Funeral Home alongside his grandson and
18 served selflessly as the funeral home's first full-time unpaid employee, caring for families
19 during times of loss; and

20 WHEREAS, James Edwin Busbin served the public through civic leadership as a member
21 of the Villa Rica Planning and Zoning Board and later as a Villa Rica City Councilman, as
22 well as was a longtime member of American Legion Post #70 and was actively involved in
23 many local churches; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, James Edwin Busbin will long be
25 remembered as a man who never met a stranger and whose life exemplified service to others,
26 and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of James Edwin Busbin and express their deepest and
29 most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
32 James Edwin Busbin.