

Senate Resolution 862

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Michael G. Gunther and Leward L. Dunn for their many valuable
2 contributions and research and recognizing the Soldier Boy's Monument for its profound
3 historical significance; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through the research of Dr. Michael G. Gunther of Georgia Gwinnett College
5 and Leward L. Dunn, former adjunct professor at Georgia Military College, it was announced
6 that the Soldier Boy's Monument is the oldest permanent monument built by public
7 subscription to World War I veterans in the State of Georgia and is possibly the oldest
8 monument of such description in the entire country; and

9 WHEREAS, located in Fairburn, Georgia, the monument contains the names of 24 soldiers
10 of the United States Army and one United States Marine, both black and white, who were
11 killed or wounded in World War I while serving as guardians of this nation's freedom and
12 liberty; and

13 WHEREAS, the Soldier Boy's Monument commemorates the brave and dedicated soldiers
14 of World War I who laid the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael G. Gunther and Leward L. Dunn are highly regarded by the
16 citizens of this state as men of unquestioned integrity and dedication to their research, and
17 it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for their significant historical
18 work.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 commend Dr. Michael G. Gunther and Leward L. Dunn for their many valuable contributions
21 and research and recognize the Soldier Boy's Monument for its profound historical
22 significance.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Michael G.
25 Gunther and Leward L. Dunn.