

Senate Resolution 765

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Wesley James Ball; 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 Dr. Wesley James Ball on January 8, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Wesley James Ball was born on June 15, 1931, a beloved son of the late
5 Hayward and Catherine Ball; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 62 years, Patricia, and was
7 blessed with four remarkable children, Wesley Jr., Roderic, Weselyn, and Patrick; and seven
8 wonderful grandchildren, William, Jessica, Maya, Roderic Jr., Ivory, Victoria, and Gabrielle;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Ball was an active member of Liberty City
11 Church of Christ, where he served as an elder and a Sunday school teacher for many years;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, for 33 years, he practiced surgery in Savannah at Candler Hospital, St. Joseph's
14 Hospital, and Memorial Medical Center, and he was the first black surgeon to serve as chief
15 of staff at Candler Hospital; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his service as a physician at Greenbriar Children's Center for 20 years and for
17 the Jenkins High School football team was further evidence of his love for his profession and
18 his dedication to the well-being of others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Dr. Ball's service with numerous boards and organizations, including the
20 Georgia State Medical Association, the Health Services Area Board during President Carter's
21 administration, and the Morehouse Medical School Advisory Board, was an additional
22 testament to his commitment to his community; and

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

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

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Ball will long be remembered for his
30 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
31 fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Wesley James Ball and express their deepest and
34 most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Dr.
37 Wesley James Ball.