

## Senate Resolution 17EX

By: Senators Walker III of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Mullis of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Ginn of the 47<sup>th</sup>,  
Burke of the 11<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Senator Thorborn “Ross” Tolleson Jr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Senator Thorborn “Ross” Tolleson Jr. on November 5, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Thorborn “Ross” Tolleson Jr. was born on April 26, 1956, in Perry,  
6 Georgia, a beloved son of Thorborn Ross “Buck” Tolleson Sr. and Mary Eolyne Shannon  
7 Tolleson; and

8 WHEREAS, he began his political career in 1978 but was not elected to the Georgia State  
9 Senate until 2002, where he represented Georgia Senate District 18 and served with honor  
10 and distinction until his retirement in November 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, while serving in the Georgia State Senate, Senator Tolleson Jr. was a staunch  
12 advocate for maintaining agricultural access to water, proving himself as a champion for the  
13 state's most precious natural resources and earning the respect of his fellow members from  
14 both sides of the aisle; and

15 WHEREAS, he earned many recognitions for his service, including Perry's Golden Eagle  
16 Award in 2016 from the Central Georgia Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Georgia  
17 Farm Bureau 2016 Commodity Award, the Environmental Leadership Award, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Sally, and was blessed with  
19 three remarkable children, Tripp, Ansley, and Kelly; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Senator Tolleson Jr. will long be  
27 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
28 had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Senator Thorborn "Ross" Tolleson Jr. and express  
31 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
34 Senator Thorborn "Ross" Tolleson Jr.