

## Senate Resolution 39EX

By: Senators Davenport of the 44<sup>th</sup>, Seay of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Anderson of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Sims of the 12<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James Clifford "Charley" Griswell; 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 Clifford "Charley" Griswell on September 5, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, James Clifford "Charley" Griswell was born on February 9, 1933, in Atlanta,  
5 Georgia, and raised in Forest Park, where he attended Forest Park High; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty, valiantly and  
7 courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam War; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he spent 67 years joined in union with his wife, Libby, and their bond was  
9 cherished by all who had the treasure of knowing them; and
- 10 WHEREAS, following the creation of his construction company in 1957, Charley was  
11 elected to serve as county commissioner, a position he held from 1972 until he was elected  
12 chairman in 1976; and

13 WHEREAS, after serving for 12 years as chairman, he decided to run for commissioner  
14 again and was reelected in 1998, serving an additional two terms and retiring for the last time  
15 in 2006; and

16 WHEREAS, during his many years of dedicated service, he guided Clayton County with an  
17 emphasis on helping senior citizens, children, and those with special needs; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Charley will long be remembered for his  
25 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
26 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 Clifford "Charley" Griswell and express their  
29 deepest and 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 Clifford "Charley" Griswell.