

Senate Resolution 9

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Hodges of the 3rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Charles "Charlie" Kay Stevens; 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 Charles "Charlie" Kay Stevens on August 16, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Charles "Charlie" Kay Stevens was born on August 26, 1937, in Little River,
- 5 North Miami, Florida, a beloved son of Byron Post Stevens and Blanche Henrietta
- 6 Sparkman; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served with honor as part of the United States Army from 1956 to 1958,
- 8 during which time he was stationed in Japan as an aerial photographer; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1962, Charlie relocated to Georgia and established Lea's Drive Inn in
- 10 Acworth, an entrepreneurial pursuit he expanded upon throughout his life by owning and
- 11 operating several additional restaurants, including The Corner Cafe in Dallas; and

12 WHEREAS, at the age of 55, he graduated from Chattahoochee Technical Institute with a
13 diploma in computer technology, and at the age of 68, he fulfilled his dream of traveling
14 across the United States and Canada by driving a semi-truck for Schneider Trucking; and
15 WHEREAS, Charlie was an avid fisherman who spent many cherished moments on the water
16 with loved ones, especially in Steinhatchee, Florida, where he enjoyed the salty air; and

17 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Glenda Nell Stevens, and was
18 blessed with five remarkable children, Charles, Diane, Tammy, Wayne, and Brad, as well
19 as numerous wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren; 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, Charles "Charlie" Kay Stevens will long
27 be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all
28 who 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 Charles "Charlie" Kay Stevens and express their
31 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 Charles "Charlie" Kay Stevens.