

Senate Resolution 49

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 6th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Marvin Gary Simmons; 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 Marvin Gary Simmons on December 22, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Marvin Gary Simmons was born on December 19, 1950, in LaFayette, Georgia,
- 5 a beloved son of Marshall C. and Evie Denson Simmons; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career in law enforcement, he served as part of the
- 7 Floyd County Police Department, Rockmart Police Department, and Polk County Police
- 8 Department, retiring from the Polk County Sheriff's Department as a captain after 44 years
- 9 of exemplary service; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he further served as a veteran of the United States National Guard, honorably
- 11 and courageously protecting this nation's freedom and liberty as well as ensuring the
- 12 well-being of his fellow citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Marvin Gary Simmons was an active member
14 of Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church; and

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

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Marvin Gary Simmons will long be
19 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
20 had the great fortune of knowing him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join in honoring the life and memory of Marvin Gary Simmons and express their deepest and
23 most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
26 Marvin Gary Simmons.