

Senate Resolution 248

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, James of the 28th,  
Lucas of the 26th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Charles Person; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Charles Person, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and one of the youngest original  
3 Freedom Riders, dedicated his life to the pursuit of civil rights, justice, and equality for all  
4 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, as a courageous advocate for desegregation, Charles Person joined the Freedom  
6 Riders in 1961 at the age of 18, enduring physical violence and grave danger in his steadfast  
7 commitment to challenging segregation laws and practices in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Person's bravery and resilience, alongside his fellow Freedom Riders,  
9 played a pivotal role in the civil rights movement, ultimately leading to landmark legislative  
10 and cultural changes that advanced racial equality; and

11 WHEREAS, after his involvement with the Freedom Riders, Charles Person continued his  
12 lifelong dedication to education, mentorship, and preserving the legacy of the civil rights  
13 movement, inspiring generations to advocate for justice and equality; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles Person's remarkable contributions to the struggle for civil rights have  
15 been recognized and celebrated nationally; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Person passed away on January 8, 2025, leaving behind an enduring  
17 legacy of courage, activism, and a commitment to social justice.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 posthumously honor Charles Person for his extraordinary contributions to the civil rights  
20 movement and his unwavering dedication to creating a more just and equitable society.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body extend their deepest  
22 condolences to Charles Person's family, friends, and all those who were inspired by his work.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
25 Charles Person.