

## Senate Resolution 356

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Strickland of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and James of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Steve Mensch; 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 Steve Mensch on December 6, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Steve Mensch was raised in Goshen, New York, where he demonstrated early  
5 determination and skill as a member of the Boy Scouts as well as claimed victory in the  
6 Pinewood Derby, a celebrated Cub Scouts racing event; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he cultivated a lifelong passion for tennis and hockey from a young age,  
8 continuing to play and excel at both sports well into adulthood, and he had a deep love for  
9 scuba diving and the ocean; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he further pursued his love of aviation, earning his pilot's license on September  
11 18, 2020, after completing his second first solo flight at Falcon Field in Fayette County; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he custom-built an RV-12 two-seat, single-engine plane, incorporating special  
13 markings to honor his children and assigning it the tail number 702DP in tribute to his  
14 beloved wife, Danila Pirochta Mensch, whom he affectionately called "DP"; and

15 WHEREAS, he additionally dedicated time to volunteering with the Young Eagles, a  
16 nonprofit program that has provided free flights to youth ages 8–17 for 30 years, inspiring  
17 the next generation of aviation enthusiasts; and

18 WHEREAS, as a pivotal figure in Georgia's film and television industry, he played a vital  
19 role in advocating for the tax credits that established the state as a premier destination for  
20 film production, significantly contributing to Georgia's economic growth; and

21 WHEREAS, during his remarkable career, he oversaw the creation and development of  
22 multiple studios, including Turner Studios, Third Rail Studios, and Qingdao Oriental Movie  
23 Industrial Park, culminating in his final role as president and general manager of studio  
24 operations at Tyler Perry Studios; and

25 WHEREAS, he further served the film industry as a member of the Governor's Advisory  
26 Committee on Film, Music & Digital Entertainment; chair of the Georgia Screen  
27 Entertainment Coalition; board member of both ArtsNow Inc. and the Atlanta Jewish Film  
28 Festival; and president of the Georgia Production Partnership; and

29 WHEREAS, he graduated with the 2020 Class of Leadership Atlanta, forging a strong and  
30 lasting bond with his cohort members; and

31 WHEREAS, Steve Mensch actively participated in the lives of his children, Charles,  
32 Adelayna, and Josephine, by encouraging their interests and volunteering at their schools in  
33 Fayette County; and

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

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Steve Mensch will long be remembered for  
38 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
39 fortune of knowing him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
41 join in honoring the life and memory of Steve Mensch and express their deepest and most  
42 sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Steve  
45 Mensch.