

## Senate Resolution 495

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd, Payne of the 54th, Esteves of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life and legacy of Judge Reuben Green; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Reuben Green, a respected jurist and dedicated public servant, passed  
4 away after a courageous battle with cancer, leaving behind a profound legacy of service and  
5 compassion; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Oregon and raised between Salem, Oregon, and Vinings, Georgia,  
7 Judge Green honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps, earning the  
8 Good Conduct and National Defense Medals; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Green received his bachelor's degree in political science from Lewis &  
10 Clark College, where he met his devoted wife of 25 years, Heidi Green, and later earned his  
11 law degree with honors from Emory University School of Law; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, he served in private law practice, as Special  
13 Assistant United States Attorney, Assistant District Attorney for Cobb County, and Superior  
14 Court Judge appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue in 2010, faithfully serving until 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Green notably established the Cobb County Veterans Accountability and  
16 Treatment Court, a pioneering program providing essential rehabilitation and support  
17 services to veterans involved in the criminal justice system; and

18 WHEREAS, admired for his fairness, integrity, and commitment to justice, Judge Green  
19 positively impacted countless lives through his dedicated service both inside and outside the  
20 courtroom; and

21 WHEREAS, a loving husband, father, and mentor, Judge Green is fondly remembered for  
22 his kindness, empathy, humor, and unwavering dedication to family, faith, and community;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, he and Heidi faithfully served their community and state by fostering 15  
25 children, helping families in their church successfully achieve adoption, and adopting Hailey  
26 as their daughter; and

27 WHEREAS, Judge Green cherished and honored his role as a father and often spoke of his  
28 greatest achievement in raising Hailey and Colton, particularly in his final years, along with  
29 his partner of 25 years, Heidi; and

30 WHEREAS, Judge Green's profound contributions to Cobb County and the State of Georgia,  
31 particularly through the establishment and nurturing of the Veterans Court, have left an  
32 enduring legacy that will continue to benefit generations to come.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 join in honoring the extraordinary life and leadership of Judge Reuben Green, celebrating his

35 profound contributions to the State of Georgia, and expressing deepest condolences to his  
36 family, friends, and all who were blessed to know him.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Heidi Green and  
39 the family of Judge Reuben Green.