

## Senate Resolution 713

By: Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Sims of the 12th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Schley Louis Perry, Jr.; 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 Schley Louis "Big Louie" Perry, Jr., on November 26, 2025; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Schley Louis "Big Louis" Perry, Jr., was born on March 10, 1939, on
- 5 Pineywoods Farms in Colquitt County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he lived and worked for his entire life at Pineywoods Farms, which is a Georgia
- 7 Centennial Farm and was established in 1830; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his only time away from Pineywoods Farms was while attaining degrees from
- 9 Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and later the University of Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he returned to his home to become the fifth generation to operate Pineywoods
- 11 Farms, while later raising the sixth and seventh generations as a part of the Centennial Farm's
- 12 family history; and

13 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Rebecca Perry, and was blessed  
14 with four remarkable children, Laura, Schley Louis, Jonathan, and Amanda Perry; and six  
15 wonderful grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, "Big Louie" Perry was a passionate farmer who was a continuous member of  
17 the Georgia Farm Bureau since he was 13 years old in addition to being a member of the  
18 Colquitt County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors; and

19 WHEREAS, his passion for agriculture led him to assist his fellow farmers by participating  
20 in research trials for crops and livestock conducted by the University of Georgia Extension;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he became a tireless advocate for agriculture and held many respected positions  
23 including, but not limited to, chair of the Georgia Cotton Commission, board member of the  
24 North American Limousin Foundation, and member of the National Cattlemen's Beef  
25 Association; and

26 WHEREAS, he diligently advised numerous elected officials on the importance of Georgia's  
27 farms and farmers including, but not limited to, Saxby Chambliss, Sanford Bishop, Johnny  
28 Isakson, Jimmy Carter, Sonny Perdue, and Roy Barnes; and

29 WHEREAS, his contributions to agricultural research, political advocacy, and inclusion in  
30 the industry left a legacy felt by generations of farmers across Georgia and rural communities  
31 nationwide; and

32 WHEREAS, his actions earned him numerous honors and awards, including, but not limited,  
33 to the ABAC Family Legacy Award, the Master Farmer Award, and the Centennial Family  
34 Farm Award; and

35 WHEREAS, he extended his efforts beyond agriculture to support his community through  
36 his membership with the Colquitt Regional Medical Center's Foundation, Moultrie-Colquitt  
37 County Chamber of Commerce, and the Pineland School Board of Directors; and

38 WHEREAS, he also supported subsequent generations through scholarships and farm study  
39 opportunities for both Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia  
40 including the Pineywoods Farm Scholarship; and

41 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Schley Louis "Big Louie" Perry, Jr., will  
42 long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed  
43 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
45 join in honoring the life and memory of Schley Louis Perry, Jr., and express their deepest and  
46 most sincere regret at his passing.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
49 Schley Louis Perry, Jr.