

House Resolution 1762

By: Representative Santos of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mickiel "Mike" Dewayne Pete; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia House of Representatives mourn the passing of one
3 of Georgia's distinguished citizens, Mickiel "Mike" Dewayne Pete, who departed this life on
4 March 9, 2026, at the age of 60; and

5 WHEREAS, Mickiel Dewayne Pete was born on October 7, 1965, in Killeen, Texas, at Fort
6 Hood Army Base Hospital, the beloved son of Willie Pete and Marjorie Pete; and

7 WHEREAS, at the age of nine, he moved with his family to Augusta, Georgia, where he
8 would later graduate from Glenn Hills High School in 1983, beginning a life defined by
9 discipline, service, and determination; and

10 WHEREAS, following his graduation, Mr. Pete honorably served his country in the United
11 States Marine Corps, receiving an honorable discharge and demonstrating the commitment
12 to duty and leadership that would guide him throughout his life; and

13 WHEREAS, after his military service, Mr. Pete pursued higher education at Augusta
14 College, earning a degree in political science, and continued his academic journey through

15 legal studies at the University of Florida before transferring to the University of Georgia
16 School of Law, where he proudly became a Bulldawg and earned his Juris Doctor in 1992;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, he successfully passed the Georgia State Bar Examination and later furthered
19 his legal scholarship by earning a Master of Environmental Law from Tulane University in
20 New Orleans, Louisiana; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Pete returned to serve in the United States Marine Corps as a Judge
22 Advocate General (JAG) officer, practicing law while serving his nation and earning the
23 nickname "Mad Dog" for his tenacity and fearless advocacy, ultimately retiring at the rank
24 of captain; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Pete dedicated his professional life to the pursuit of justice, founding the
26 Pete Law Firm with his brother, Anthony Pete, and later working with the Cochran Firm of
27 Atlanta, where he assisted in significant civil litigation matters; and

28 WHEREAS, he later continued his distinguished legal career at the Nicola Cummings Law
29 Firm in McDonough, Georgia, where he practiced criminal defense and personal injury law,
30 providing steadfast advocacy and compassionate representation to countless clients; and

31 WHEREAS, in August 2018, Mr. Pete met the love of his life, Nicola Cummings, and the
32 two were married shortly thereafter, forming a partnership grounded in love, mutual respect,
33 and shared professional purpose; and

34 WHEREAS, together they built a life of adventure and discovery, traveling the world and
35 visiting destinations including England, Venice, Paris, the Dominican Republic, Cozumel,

36 and numerous islands throughout the Caribbean, creating cherished memories along the way;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Pete and Marjorie Pete;
39 his beloved son, Mickell Pete, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 14; and his brother,
40 Cedric Pete, who passed away in 2025; and

41 WHEREAS, he leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish his memory,
42 including his devoted wife, Nicola Cummings, and her son, Troy Luke Jr.; his brothers,
43 Willie L. Pete (Marie Pete), Anthony Pete (Laconia Pete), and Daniel Ross; his nieces and
44 nephews, Christopher Pete, Michael Anthony Pete, Willie Pete Jr., Jillian Lopez (Luis
45 Lopez), Dr. Tionne Pete, Alexia Pete, Simone Pete, and Daniel N. Ross; his great-niece,
46 Rosalee Lopez, and great-nephews, Ezekiel Lopez and Daniel Lopez; as well as numerous
47 loving aunts, uncles, cousins, colleagues, and friends; and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. Pete's life was marked by service to his country, dedication to the legal
49 profession, and deep love for his family, and his character, integrity, and tireless advocacy
50 have left an indelible mark on the communities he served; and

51 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding life and legacy of this
52 distinguished Georgian be recognized by this body.

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
54 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Mickiel "Mike" Dewayne Pete and
55 express their deepest and most sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
57 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
58 family of Mickiel "Mike" Dewayne Pete.