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Senate Resolution 8

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Strickland of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Judge Harold Lloyd Murphy; 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 Judge Harold Lloyd Murphy on December 28, 2022, at the age of 95; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Judge Harold Lloyd Murphy was born in the small community of Felton,
- 5 Georgia, a beloved son of James Lloyd Murphy and Gladys McBrayer Murphy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
- 7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
- 8 II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, Judge Harold Lloyd
- 10 Murphy served five consecutive terms as part of the Georgia House of Representatives
- before stepping down from politics in 1961 to focus on practicing law; and
- WHEREAS, during his professional career, he established himself as one of the premier trial
- 13 lawyers in the State of Georgia and built a thriving practice within the cities of Buchanan and
- 14 Tallapoosa; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 1971, he was appointed by Governor Jimmy Carter to the Superior Court for

- 16 the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, and following his election in 1976, President Carter
- 17 nominated him to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, during his 45 years of distinguished service, he served his country on the federal
- 19 bench and became an acclaimed jurist and legal icon with a stellar reputation that extended
- 20 far beyond the State of Georgia; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Jacqueline, and was blessed with
- 22 two remarkable sons, Mark and Paul, as well as four wonderful grandchildren, Laura, David,
- 23 Joseph, and Blake; and
- 24 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
- 25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
- 26 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Judge Harold Lloyd Murphy will long be
- 28 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
- 29 had the great fortune of knowing him.
- 30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 31 join in honoring the life and memory of Judge Harold Lloyd Murphy and express their
- 32 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.
- 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
- 35 Judge Harold Lloyd Murphy.