

House Resolution 1599

By: Representative Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Robert Edward "Bob" Knox, 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 Robert Edward "Bob" Knox, Jr., on January 4, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Robert Edward "Bob" Knox, Jr., was born in Thomson, Georgia, a beloved son  
5 of Ruth Hall Knox and Robert Edward Knox, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended Thomson High School and the University of Georgia, where he  
7 received a bachelor's degree in English and a Juris Doctor degree; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia  
9 Army National Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was a passionate public servant and leader in countless local and state  
11 capacities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after four years on the Thomson City Council, he was elected mayor of  
13 Thomson in 1979, a position he held for 29 years; and

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14 WHEREAS, was a past member of the Thomson-McDuffie Airport Authority and past  
15 director of the Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce, and in 1987, he was awarded the  
16 Darrell M. Johnson Service Award, Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce's highest  
17 honor for community service; and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was a charter member of the New Thomson  
19 United Methodist Church and served in nearly every capacity of lay ministry; and

20 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Meadows Knox,  
21 and was blessed with three treasured daughters, Mary Ann, Laura, and Dottie; and five  
22 wonderful grandchildren, Dorothy, Oliver, Henry, Robert, and Samuel; and

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

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
28 made this world a better place in which to live; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love  
30 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
31 knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Robert Edward "Bob"  
34 Knox, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
37 family of Robert Edward "Bob" Knox, Jr.