

## House Resolution 26EX

By: Representatives Holcomb of the 81<sup>st</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Max Cleland; 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 Mr. Max Cleland on November 9, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Max Cleland was born on August 24, 1942, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved  
5 son of Hugh and Juanita Cleland; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army from 1965 to 1968 and earned the rank of captain; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cleland was wounded in combat in Vietnam, recovered, and became  
9 "strong at the broken places"; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served in the Georgia State Senate from 1971 to 1975; was an administrator  
11 for the United States Veterans Administration from 1977 to 1981; was Georgia's Secretary  
12 of State from 1982 to 1996; and was elected to the United States Senate in 1996, where he  
13 served from 1997 to 2003; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Cleland will long be remembered for  
21 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
22 fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Max Cleland and  
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 family of Mr. Max Cleland.