

House Resolution 43EX

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th and Jones of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Sam Thomas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas was born in Decatur, Georgia, in 1950. He earned his Bachelor
3 of Business Administration with honors from Georgia State University and his Juris Doctor,
4 cum laude, from University of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas joined the law firm of Bovis, Kyle, Burch, and Medlin of Atlanta
6 in 1975 and became the city attorney for Alpharetta in 1985; and

7 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas was passionate about municipal law and development. He was
8 instrumental in helping to establish Alpharetta's city municipal codes and charter, including
9 the passage of the city's first Recreation and Parks General Obligation Bond in 1995, which
10 provided funding to acquire Wills Park from Fulton County and provided the city's
11 contribution to the Isakson YMCA; and

12 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas cared for and was an integral part of his community. In addition
13 to coaching his daughter's softball teams at North Park, he also served as a board member of
14 the Alpharetta Softball Association. He also served on the board of the Alpharetta
15 Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

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16 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas was instrumental in leading the development of the Alpharetta
17 City Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas was a past president of the Greater Atlanta Christian School
19 Booster Club and a big fan of the Georgia Bulldogs. He was an inspiration to all who knew
20 him; and

21 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas above all will be remembered for his loyalty, friendship, strong
22 faith, work ethic, thoughtfulness, and of course his witty sense of humor; and

23 WHEREAS, Sam Thomas passed away August 24, 2021, and is survived by his wife of 37
24 years, Dale; their three children, Jared (Jennifer), Laura (Bert), and Joseph; and three
25 grandchildren, Paige, Michael, and Anders.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sam Thomas and express
28 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Sam Thomas.