

Senate Resolution 108

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Michael Synyard; 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 Michael Synyard on November 18, 2007, in Valdosta, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mike was born on January 12, 1947, in Rochester, New York; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was the New York Mile Run State Champion, and attended Texas A&M  
6 University on a track scholarship; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mike served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
8 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam  
9 Conflict as Commander of a Special Forces A-Team; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he later graduated from the University of South Alabama with a BSE in  
11 Chemical Engineering, going on to a life-long career in the paper industry; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mike served as Mill Manager of the Packaging Corporation of America  
13 linerboard mill in Lowndes County, where he was an active community leader and volunteer;  
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and as mill manager and a representative of Georgia's paper industry,  
17 Mike was a staunch advocate for many years for the removal of the sales tax on energy used  
18 in manufacturing in Georgia; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mike spoke numerous times before legislative committees and other groups  
20 about the removal of this tax in order to make Georgia manufacturers competitive with those  
21 in surrounding states; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation, Mike is  
23 survived by his loving wife, Jeani Synyard of Valdosta, and his remarkable children and  
24 stepchildren, as well as his five wonderful grandchildren.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 join in honoring the life and memory of Michael Synyard and express their deepest and most  
27 sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to  
29 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Michael Synyard.