

Senate Resolution 1134

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Jake William "Billy" Martin; 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 Jake William "Billy" Martin on March 14, 2018; and

4 WHEREAS, Billy was born on October 27, 1942, in Gainesville, Georgia, and graduated
5 from Gainesville High School, where he played sports and earned All-State football and
6 basketball honors as well as the prestigious All-American status in football; and

7 WHEREAS, affectionately known as collegiate and professional football's "Jolly Giant," he
8 played football for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets; earned All-SEC and All-American
9 honors; was drafted by the Chicago Bears; played professional football for the Atlanta
10 Falcons and Minnesota Vikings; and was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the
11 Georgia Tech Hall of Fame, and the Northeast Georgia History Center Sports Hall of Fame;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Billy was an active member of First Redeemer
14 Church of Cumming, where he was a board member of There's Hope for the Hungry; and

15 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and was blessed with
16 three remarkable children, William, Kori, and Malisa, and 12 wonderful grandchildren,
17 Jacob, Nash, Mallory, Ivey, Ben, Cade, Kodi, Cole, Ally, Trey, Tyler, and Travis; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Billy will long be remembered for his love
25 of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Jake William "Billy" Martin and express their
28 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Jake
31 William "Billy" Martin.