

## Senate Resolution 16EX

By: Senators James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Herman Lee Riley; 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 Herman Lee Riley on November 2, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Herman Lee Riley was born on April 27, 1934, in Garden City, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of Charlie and Daisy Mae Riley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans for 27 years,  
8 retiring as Chief Master Sergeant; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Herman Lee Riley was an active member of  
10 the United House of Prayer for All People Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Diana, and was blessed with  
12 three remarkable children, Janice E. Preister, Herman Lee Riley Jr., and Patrick L. Riley; two  
13 wonderful grandsons, Herman Lee Riley III and Brian Priester; and one outstanding  
14 great-granddaughter, Jaylynn Priester; and

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

18 WHEREAS, he possessed the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the  
19 strength of character which is achieved by overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 join in honoring the life and memory of Herman Lee Riley and express their deepest and  
25 most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
28 Herman Lee Riley.