

Senate Resolution 172

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William "W.T." Henry, Sr.; 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 William "W.T." Henry, Sr., on January 28, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, W.T. was born on October 7, 1938, in Colquitt, Georgia, a beloved son of the
5 late Jeff and Ludie Gray Henry; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Ruth, and was blessed with three
7 remarkable children, Lea, Bo, and Kristin; and four wonderful grandsons, Caughey, Henry,
8 Hank, and Sam; and
- 9 WHEREAS, W.T. graduated from Miller County High School in 1956, where he lettered in
10 all sports; he attended Young Harris College and Troy State University on basketball
11 scholarships and earned a bachelor's degree in education before earning his master's degree
12 in physical education and administration from Florida State University; and
- 13 WHEREAS, W.T.'s true passion and calling was working with young people and his career
14 in education spanned 46 years in public and private schools; he taught math and coached
15 basketball, baseball, track, and football at Arlington High School, Damascus High School,
16 Miller County High School, and Albany Junior High School; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he served as the principal of Miller County High School and became the
18 founding headmaster of Southwest Georgia Academy in Damascus in 1970; W.T. moved his
19 family to Albany, Georgia, and became director, and later, the headmaster of
20 Deerfield-Windsor School; and
- 21 WHEREAS, W.T. was a former president of Georgia Independent Schools, and he also
22 served on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Georgia Accrediting

23 Commission, and was on the State Board of Education, and other boards, including the board
24 of First United Methodist Church; and

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

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

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, W.T. will long be remembered for his love
32 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
33 knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 join in honoring the life and memory of William "W.T." Henry, Sr., and express their deepest
36 and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
39 William "W.T." Henry, Sr.