

Senate Resolution 20EX

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd,
Dugan of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and legacy of John F. Caldwell Jr.; 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 John F. Caldwell Jr. on November 4, 2021; and

- 4 WHEREAS, John F. Caldwell Jr. was born on February 22, 1934, in Newnan, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of John and Dorothy Caldwell; and

- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army Reserve as a real-life "rocket scientist," working on the Apollo program's Saturn
8 V subcontract with NASA at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama; and

- 9 WHEREAS, after returning to Newnan, Georgia, he worked at the William L. Bonnell
10 Company, joined the Kiwanis Club, and became a deacon and eventually elder in the
11 Newnan Church of Christ; and

- 12 WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Caldwell became the official freelance photographer of Powers'
13 Crossroads Country Fair and Art Festival and his photography is currently on display at an

14 exhibit celebrating the 50th anniversary of the festival at the Newnan-Coweta Historical
15 Society's McRitchie-Hollis Museum; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active and founding member of the
17 Downtown Church of Christ in Newnan; and

18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Ann Caldwell until her passing in 2012,
19 and then to Syble Harris, and his union with Ann Caldwell was blessed with two remarkable
20 children, John and Mary; five wonderful grandchildren, Aaron, Joseph, Lauren, Emily, and
21 Ann; and three extraordinary great-grandchildren, Kadi, Jace, and Lanie; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, John F. Caldwell Jr. will long be
29 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
30 had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of John F. Caldwell Jr. and express their deepest and
33 most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
36 John F. Caldwell Jr.