

## Senate Resolution 206

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Harper of the 7th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lewis Parker; 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 Lewis Parker on January 30, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lewis Parker was born on March 26, 1946, in Hazlehurst, a beloved son of  
5 William Clarence and Willie Veal Parker; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army National Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans for  
8 seven years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and deed,  
10 Lewis was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Baxley; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was the second youngest police chief to ever serve in the State of Georgia  
12 and served for 20 years as sheriff of Appling County; and

13 WHEREAS, Lewis was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and  
14 local government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
15 administration of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, his service as a member of numerous organizations, including the Georgia  
17 Sheriffs Association, the Peace Officers' Association, and the Appling County Chamber of  
18 Commerce, is an additional testament to his commitment to his community; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 51 years, Vickie, and was  
20 blessed with one remarkable son, Kevin, and two wonderful grandchildren, Mason and  
21 Merrick; and

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

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Lewis Parker and express their deepest and most  
30 sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
33 Lewis Parker.