

Senate Resolution 218

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Tom Paris, 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 Tom Paris, Jr., on November 19, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Tom was the beloved son of the late Tom and Mary Foote Simmons Paris; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1957, Tom was elected class president of Gainesville High School, where he
6 was an All-State and All-American captain of the football team; he continued his football
7 career at the University of Georgia and won an SEC Championship under the astute direction
8 of Coach Wally Butts; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Tom was an active member of Gainesville
10 First United Methodist Church, where he served on the administrative board and chaired the
11 finance committee; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Alice, and was blessed with two
13 remarkable children, Trey and Elizabeth; and five wonderful grandchildren, Eliza, Thomas,
14 Robert, William, and Cole; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Tom 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 was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

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

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Tom
29 Paris, Jr.