

Senate Resolution 253

By: Senators Echols of the 49th, Still of the 48th, Ginn of the 47th, Dugan of the 30th and Williams of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Wayne Gerald Whitmire; 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 Wayne Gerald Whitmire on February 9, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Wayne Gerald Whitmire was born on October 23, 1939, in Shannon, Georgia,
5 a beloved son of Ralph C. and Estelle Hulseley Whitmire; and
- 6 WHEREAS, founder of Oakwood Tire Inc., he was cherished by his loved ones as an avid
7 collector of antique cars with a special interest in Corvairs, and his distinguished automotive
8 career included decades of service at dealerships and businesses across Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he further served his community as a member of the Yaarab Temple, Lanier
10 Shrine Club, Gainesville Lodge No. 219, Corvair Atlanta, and the Old Friends Car Club of
11 Gainesville; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Janette, and he was blessed with
13 one remarkable daughter, Cindy; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Wayne Gerald Whitmire 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 Wayne Gerald Whitmire and express their deepest
25 and 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 Wayne Gerald Whitmire.