

Senate Resolution 323

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Henry County Commissioner Gary Barham; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Henry County Commissioner Gary Barham on March 2, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
7 dramatically by his many years of superlative service with the City of McDonough and
8 Henry County; and

9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 40 years, Becky, and was
10 blessed with two remarkable sons, Josh and Adam, as well as five wonderful grandchildren;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Commissioner Barham exemplified the true definition of a compassionate
13 community leader through his service as a volunteer firefighter, with both the Olympic Torch
14 Relay and the Paralympics Torch Relay committees, as a member of First Families of Henry

15 County, with Meals-On-Wheels, and by helping bring the first Veterans Day program to the
16 McDonough Square; and

17 WHEREAS, a lover of sports, he coached Little League, youth baseball, youth basketball,
18 and youth football, umpiring the first Roberto Clemente World Series held in McDonough
19 and later being inducted into the Henry County Recreation Hall of Fame; and

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Henry County Commissioner Gary Barham and
28 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
31 Henry County Commissioner Gary Barham.