

Senate Resolution 331

By: Senator James of the 35th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Charles Elliot Thornton; 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 Charles Elliot Thornton; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Charles Elliot Thornton was born on June 24, 1975, a beloved son of Otha  
5 Edward Thornton Sr. and Estelle Jones Thornton; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans as a combat medic  
8 and special operations noncommissioned officer; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Charles Elliot Thornton was an active member  
10 of the Renaissance Church of Christ; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he further served his community as a mentor of young men, and through his  
12 organization Elberton's Promise, he gave youth in Elberton's middle and high schools the  
13 opportunity to learn wisdom and life skills from professionals; and

14 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Elisa, and was blessed with five  
15 remarkable children, Amaya, Gracie, India, Charles Jr., and Elias; and

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

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

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

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

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
30 Charles Elliot Thornton.