

Senate Resolution 437

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jeffery Scott "Scotty" Tillery; 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 Jeffery Scott "Scotty" Tillery on January 1, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Tillery was born in Rome, Georgia, on February 7, 1965, completing the
5 family of Howard and Doris Tillery and their other six children. For many in the community,
6 the Tillerys defined the word "family"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Cedartown High School in 1983, after which he joined the
8 family plumbing business. Most recently, while continuing in the family business, he was
9 also the owner of Croker's Hardware; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was not just a successful businessman. He was also a dedicated public
11 servant who knew early on that he wanted to serve Cedartown and Polk County. He served
12 on the Cedartown City Commission from 2009 to 2013, working tirelessly to make
13 Cedartown a place all citizens could be proud of; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2015, he was elected to the Polk County Board of Commissioners, a position
15 he held until his death. He was chair of the Finance Committee and served on the Public
16 Works and Ordinance Committees, the Polk County Board of Health, and the ACCG
17 GEBCorp Board of Directors; and

18 WHEREAS, he was an officer of the Boys and Girls Club and a member of Caledonia Lodge
19 #121, the Yaarab Shrine Club, the Optimists Club, the Polk and Bartow Area Fellowship of
20 Christian Athletes, the Cedartown Historic Preservation Commission, the Cedartown
21 Development Authority, the Polk County Development Authority, the Northwest Georgia
22 Regional Development Authority, the Downtown Cedartown Association, the Polk County
23 Chamber of Commerce, Polk Against Drugs, the Cedartown/Polk County Humane Society,
24 and the Polk County Historical Society; and

25 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Tillery was an active member of
26 Cedartown First Methodist Church, serving on the Board of Trustees and in other positions
27 of church leadership; and

28 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Ann Marie Mullen Tillery, and
29 was blessed with four remarkable children, Russell, Clayton, Julie, and Meghan, as well as
30 five wonderful grandchildren, Rhett, Tyson, Maddie, Chelsie, and Bennie; and

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

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

37 WHEREAS, he was a compassionate and generous man who will long be remembered for
38 his love of family, friendship, and community and be missed by all who had the great fortune
39 of knowing him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 join in honoring the life and memory of Jeffery Scott "Scotty" Tillery and express their
42 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
45 Jeffery Scott "Scotty" Tillery.