

Senate Resolution 471

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Judge George Carey Nelson III; 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 Judge George Carey Nelson III on March 18, 2019, surrounded by his
4 loving family; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Nelson was an outstanding member of his community, remembered by
6 many for not only his decades of service to the great State of Georgia but also as a man
7 deeply committed to his community, family, and colleagues; and

8 WHEREAS, it was a somber day at the Frank Moore Administration and Judicial Center the
9 day following the revered Judge's passing and flags outside the building were lowered to
10 half-staff to pay tribute to longtime Cherokee Judicial Circuit Judge George Carey Nelson
11 III; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Nelson's service and sacrifice began long before his appointment as
13 Superior Court Judge of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit by Governor Roy Barnes in 2001. He
14 enlisted in the United States Navy upon his graduation from Admiral Farragut Preparatory
15 High School in St. Petersburg, Florida; and

16 WHEREAS, he graduated from Mercer University where he completed Officer Candidate
17 School and was commissioned as an Ensign and he served on active duty from 1970 through
18 1973. He then graduated from Stetson University College of Law in 1976 and went on to
19 begin his private law practice in 1977. Judge Nelson also served as a Bartow County
20 attorney for 21 years and during that time he also served as Juvenile Court Judge Pro Tem;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Nelson is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Theresa Jeanne Powers
23 Nelson of Presque Isle, Maine. He is also survived by his two sons: George Carey Nelson

24 IV and his fiancé, Kelly McDaniel; Patrick James Nelson, his wife Bree Barge Nelson, and
25 their two sons Colin and Hollis. He is also survived by his sister, Elaine Nelson Bonner, and
26 her family; and

27 WHEREAS, his passing brought not only sorrow, but has also united a community in the
28 loving and enduring memory of a great and honored man who taught many the value of life,
29 justice, service to one's community, and the importance of kindness to our fellow man.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Judge George Carey Nelson III and express their
32 deepest and most sincere condolences at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
35 Judge George Carey Nelson III.