

## Senate Resolution 497

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Payne of the 54th, Harper of the 7th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and celebrating the life and legacy of "Papa" Joe Corley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on August 19, 2016, Georgia lost a dear friend and valued member of our state  
3 with the passing of Joe Corley; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Senate wishes to recognize and honor Joe's life and legacy of public service;  
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Joe served his nation in Japan during the Vietnam War era and was a veteran  
7 of the United States Navy; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served his community as Deacon and as Chairman of the Board for Deacons  
9 at the Eureka Baptist Church; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his family and friends knew Joe as "Papa Joe" due to his protective, caring, and  
11 loving spirit; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Joe was a member of the Haralson County Republican Party since before 1988  
13 and has diligently served as the Haralson County Republican Party Treasurer for over 25  
14 years; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he served Georgia's 14th Congressional District, formerly Georgia's 11th  
16 Congressional District, for many years as treasurer and in 2016 was appointed as the district's  
17 Southern Director; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Joe was an avid supporter of Republican politics by participating as delegate  
19 to many district and state conventions where, on numerous occasions, he served on  
20 convention committees; and

21 WHEREAS, Joe Corley loved Jesus, his church, his family, his friends, and his nation, and  
22 his true legacy lies in the profound effect on all who knew him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 commend "Papa" Joe Corley for his service and devotion to this state and to the citizens  
25 thereof.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of "Papa"  
28 Joe Corley.