

## Senate Resolution 502

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling Jr.; 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 Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling Jr. on September 2, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling Jr. was born on September 28, 1950, in Atlanta,  
5 Georgia, a beloved son of Naomi and Robert Gibeling; and
- 6 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career in marketing and advertising, Bob lent his  
7 talents to renowned companies such as Georgia Pacific, Siemens, The Weather Channel,  
8 Lutheran Services of Atlanta, and Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a tireless champion for LGBTQIA+ inclusivity, Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling  
10 Jr. was dedicated to reshaping the Southeast Synod and the National Lutheran Church Body  
11 throughout his life; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his commitment to political activism was equally fervent as he served as a  
13 delegate at the historic 2012 Democratic Convention and played key roles within the

14 Democratic Party of Georgia's State Committee, contributing extensively to grassroots  
15 organizing, policy development, fund-raising, and more; 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, Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling Jr. will long  
23 be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all  
24 who 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 Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling Jr. and express their  
27 deepest 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 Robert "Bob" Walter Gibeling Jr.