

Senate Resolution 538

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Johnnie Lee Roper; 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 Johnnie Lee Roper on March 20, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Johnnie Lee Roper began serving his first term as a commissioner of the City  
5 of Douglas on July 1, 1985; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Commissioner Roper's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
7 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs  
8 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
9 associates; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Commissioner Roper was highly respected in his community for being a strong  
11 advocate for all people of the community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his primary objective was to see Miracle Field constructed to provide those with  
13 special needs a facility in which to play and compete, and he was instrumental in acquiring  
14 the funds for its construction; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Johnnie Lee Roper was an active member of  
16 Gaines Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
19 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Johnnie Lee Roper will long be  
24 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great  
25 fortune of knowing him.

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

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
31 Johnnie Lee Roper.