

Senate Resolution 565

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Donald Clinton Carson; 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 Donald Clinton Carson on December 4, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Donald Clinton Carson was a Georgia native born to the late Clinton Cleavland
5 and Mary Elizabeth Morgan Carson who graduated from Douglasville County High School
6 in 1960; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in his professional career, he worked for many years as part of AT&T, where
8 he was respected by his peers and colleagues for his strong work ethic and dedication to
9 excellence; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was the author of a joke book titled *A Dog Walks into a Bar*, a science fiction
11 novel titled *The Clone Ranger*, a crime thriller titled *Spider*, and a book about Georgia state
12 courthouses; and

13 WHEREAS, in his later years, Donald Clinton Carson resided in the mountains of North
14 Georgia near Dahlonega, where he was an avid hunter, golfer, baseball and softball coach,
15 joke-teller, Jeopardy watcher, prolific writer, and devoted husband to his wife, Linda; and

16 WHEREAS, he was blessed with five remarkable children, James, Lori, Michael, Sara, and
17 Carey, as well as seven wonderful grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, Harry, Wyatt, Adelyn,
18 Emery, and Collins; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Donald Clinton Carson will long be
26 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Donald Clinton Carson and express their deepest and
30 most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
33 Donald Clinton Carson.