

Senate Resolution 60

By: Senators Miller of the 49th and Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Justin A. Pressley; 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 Justin A. Pressley, on August 3, 2018; and

4 WHEREAS, Justin leaves behind a glowing legacy as an indefatigable fighter who turned
5 his disability into a quest to improve the lives of others, as evidenced by his superlative
6 service as co-founder of the Disability Resource Center in Gainesville and Access to a Better
7 Tomorrow in Cleveland, nonprofit organizations that provide independent living support; as
8 founder of the Georgia Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund; and as a founding board
9 member of Our Neighbor, Inc.; and

10 WHEREAS, Justin was a warrior for the disabled community, devoting his time, talents, and
11 service to organizations such as the Georgia Advisory Committee to the United States Civil
12 Rights Commission, the Georgia Rehabilitation Council, and the National Organization on
13 Disability; and

14 WHEREAS, he founded the North Georgia Screamin' Eagles power soccer team, chaired the
15 Georgia Games Power Soccer Committee, and was a torch bearer for the 1996 Olympic
16 Games; and

17 WHEREAS, Justin gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep
18 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
19 demonstrated to his 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, Justin Pressley, will long be remembered
24 for his love of family, friendship, and community 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 Justin A. Pressley, 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 Justin A. Pressley.