

## Senate Resolution 640

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th, Burke of the 11th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dallas Franklin Gay, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia-born Dallas Franklin Gay, Jr. lived an abundant life for seven decades,  
3 achieving acclaimed pinnacles in family life, business, and civic service; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he earned a business degree in accounting from Emory University, an MBA in  
5 accounting and finance from Georgia State University, and a doctorate in business  
6 administration from Georgia State University prior to joining the business faculty at Georgia  
7 Tech; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Gay was named senior vice president of North Georgia Rendering, later  
9 renamed American Proteins and Protein Products, Inc., producing animal foods and food  
10 additives for a worldwide market; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Protein products flourished under his leadership and continues today under the  
12 leadership and business acumen of his sons; and

13 WHEREAS, Gay and others founded Drug Free Hall, a collaborative effort focused on  
14 providing seminars on addictions and recovery resources which eventually led to the passage  
15 of the "911 Medical Amnesty/Naloxone Law" in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, his vision and leadership were honored by the Medical Association of Georgia,  
17 the Council on Alcohol and Drugs, and the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, as well as  
18 the Gainesville Rotary Club, for which he was Man of the Year in 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, Gay was the driving founder of the Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr. Recovery Center,  
20 called J's Place, in Gainesville, a nonprofit community organization serving hundreds of  
21 clients and saving countless lives; and

22 WHEREAS, upon his passing, the community and state remembers its native son who  
23 learned much in his abundant life and gave back to all of us and the generations which will  
24 follow.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 join in honoring the life and memory of Dallas Franklin Gay, Jr. and bestow high honors for  
27 his life, for his family, business colleagues, and communities with this commemorative  
28 resolution.

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 Dallas Franklin Gay, Jr.