

Senate Resolution 644

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Hickman of the 4th, Setzler of the 37th, Summers of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for the designation of February 27, 2024, as Georgia's All Funeral
2 Professionals Recognition Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the death of a family member, friend, or loved one is a devastating emotional
4 event; and

5 WHEREAS, the memorialization and celebration of the decedent's life are the fabric of
6 today's funeral service; and

7 WHEREAS, the family of the decedent has traditionally looked to funeral professionals for
8 consolation, strength, and guidance in the planning and implementation of a meaningful
9 funeral ceremony; and

10 WHEREAS, for generations, funeral professionals have dedicated their lives to serving the
11 families of their communities in their times of need with care, compassion, and integrity; and

12 WHEREAS, in times of natural disasters, these compassionate professionals come forward
13 to assist with the proper care for the deceased victims; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of the cemetery
15 and funeral home industry, as well as the valuable work carried out by the professionals who
16 work in it; and

17 WHEREAS, while rare, there have been occasions where remains were not being properly
18 disposed of and funeral professionals had to step in to locate and identify these remains to
19 make things right for the families; and

20 WHEREAS, these special men and women see their chosen profession as a higher calling
21 and a sacred trust, serving every family regardless of social standing, financial means, or
22 time of day or day of the year whenever a death occurs; and

23 WHEREAS, February 27, 2024, would be an appropriate day to honor and pay tribute to
24 these funeral professionals who, day in and day out, assist our state's families in their times
25 of sadness and grief and help families mourn a death and celebrate a life.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 take this opportunity to pay the state's collective debt of gratitude for all the hours and all the
28 times funeral professionals have put someone ahead of themselves by serving the living
29 while caring for the dead; urge every American of every walk of life to embrace each of
30 these special individuals with heartfelt thanks for their dedication to their profession; invite
31 the public to acknowledge the funeral service professionals who assist during times of loss;
32 and support the designation of February 27, 2024, as Georgia's All Funeral Professionals
33 Recognition Day.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
36 press.