

## Senate Resolution 676

By: Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Burns of the 23rd and Anderson of the 24th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Senator Donald E. Cheeks; 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 Senator Donald E. Cheeks on January 28, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, prior to his retirement, he served the citizens of his district for more than a  
5 decade and was recognized by his peers as an exemplary real estate investor; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Senator Donald E. Cheeks was an active  
7 member of Curtis Baptist Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Betty, and was blessed with  
9 three remarkable daughters, Donna, Deborah, and Leslie; six wonderful grandchildren,  
10 Ashby IV, Alyssa, Lauren, Benjamin, Morgan, and Katherine; and many outstanding  
11 great-grandchildren; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
13 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
14 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Senator Donald E. Cheeks will long be  
19 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
20 had the great fortune of knowing him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 join in honoring the life and memory of Senator Donald E. Cheeks and express their deepest  
23 and most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
26 Senator Donald E. Cheeks.