

Senate Resolution 741

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jones of the 10th, Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th and Islam Parkes of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James Coan "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.; 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 James Coan "Jimmy" Carter, Jr., on February 21, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, James Coan "Jimmy" Carter, Jr., was born on December 21, 1946, in
5 McDonough, Georgia, a beloved son of J.C. and Marjorie Blissit Carter; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans from 1970 to 1972;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Henry County High School in 1965 and then headed to the
10 University of Georgia where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1969
11 and a Master of Science degree in 1973; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a true farmer at heart and enjoyed operating Southern Belle Farm as a
13 dairy farm until the mid 1980s and then transforming it to a popular tourist destination; and,
14 in the early 1970s, he served as executive director of the Georgia Milk Producers; and

15 WHEREAS, he also had a passion for serving the community and was a faithful servant in
16 many organizations such as the Ag South Farm Credit Board, the Ag First Farm Credit
17 Board, the Farm Credit Council, and the Henry County Farm Bureau; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Henry County Water Authority Board from 2005,
19 including 11 years as chairman, and spent 18 years as an elected member of the Henry
20 County Board of Education; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of Bethany Baptist
22 Church; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Kathy Lewis Carter, and was
24 blessed with three remarkable children Holly, Carmen, and Jake; and nine wonderful
25 grandchildren, Mallory, Madison, Chad, Bailey, Hailey, Bo, Karson, Kennedy, and Coan;
26 and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
34 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
35 knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in honoring the life and memory of James Coan "Jimmy" Carter, Jr., and express their
38 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
41 James Coan "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.