

Senate Resolution 974

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Deacon Alvin Collins, Sr.; 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 Deacon Alvin Collins, Sr., on February 16, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Deacon Collins was born on April 18, 1934, in Waycross, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of James and Christine Collins, Sr.; 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 during the Korean
8 Conflict for two years and going on to receive the Good Conduct Award and the Heavy
9 Weapons Expert Award; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who was born into the family of Jesus Christ
11 and confessed his dedication to the Lord at an early age, Deacon Collins served as a devoted
12 member and deacon at College Park Baptist Church for 39 years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Deacon Collins served at College Park Baptist Church as vice chairman and
14 chairman of the deacon board, Sunday school superintendent, a Sunday school teacher, and
15 a trustee board member and youth advisor; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he joined Litway Missionary Baptist Church in 1999, where he served as
17 assistant superintendent of Sunday school as well as in several other positions; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Lucile, and was blessed with
19 two remarkable sons, Michael and Alvin, and a host of wonderful grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, Deacon Collins gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and
21 deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
22 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to
27 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Deacon Collins will long be remembered for his
28 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
29 him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Deacon Alvin Collins, Sr., and express their deepest
32 and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
35 Deacon Alvin Collins, Sr.