

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 538

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frank V. Pease of Fortson, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Frank V. Pease; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pease was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community, Mr. Pease was born in Savannah, Georgia, to Leonard Garrard Pease and Leila Schley Pease, on February 14, 1927; and

WHEREAS, after attending Wynnton School and graduating from Columbus High School in 1943, Mr. Pease heroically and honorably served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, upon his release from active military duty, he attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now known as Auburn University, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; and

WHEREAS, after earning his degree in Electrical Engineering in 1949, he spent nineteen distinguished years working for Alabama Power Company in Anniston, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, while living in Anniston, Mr. Pease was deeply involved in the community, serving as President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Anniston Rotary Club; Mr. Pease was also named as Outstanding Young Man of Anniston in 1960; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he returned to Columbus, Georgia, as Senior Industrial Sales Engineer for the Columbus Division of Georgia Power Company, and was later promoted to

District Manager of the Georgia Power Company in Manchester, Georgia, where he worked until his retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, he spent a long, distinguished, and illustrious career in the power industry, serving with acumen and alacrity throughout his tenure, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and peers for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, while in Manchester, he also committed his singular skills to several community organizations, serving as an Elder of Manchester Presbyterian Church, Chairman of the Manchester County Cancer Society, and as Chairman of Creek District of the Boy Scouts of America; he also retained active membership in First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a true American patriot, Mr. Pease served in the United States Naval Reserve for thirty-three years until his retirement in 1978, attaining the rank of Commander, and served for three years as Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Surface Division 6-9 in Columbus, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, passionate about fishing, Mr. Pease was always ready to hit the water with rod and reel in hand; equally ready with a good fishing yarn, he loved to tell the tale of how he was hooked in the cheek with a three-barbed fishing lure from an errant cast by his son-in-law, John Blair; a gracious and amiable person who could shuck with the best of them, he would always bring fresh oysters back with him after a visit to the Florida panhandle; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Pease always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his beloved first wife, Shirley Thomas Peace, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his second wife, Virginia Cummings Page Peace, until the time of her passing in 2008; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Leila Blair and husband, John Blair, Frances Castile and husband, Dale Castile, and Shirley Jean Pease; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his step-children, Pete Page and wife, Pat Page, Leslie Cooling and husband, Ed Cooling, and Tam Yarbrough and husband, Lewis Yarbrough; and

WHEREAS, he will also be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Alesha Blair and Shawn Blair; and

WHEREAS, a loving brother, Mr. Pease will be sorely missed by his brother, J. Norman Pease and wife, Cherry Pease, and his sister-in-law, Helen McCormick Pease; he was preceded in death by his brother, Leonard G. Pease, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, his memory will continue to be cherished by a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Frank V. Pease leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Frank V. Pease, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Pease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.