

Senate Resolution 286

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant General David Poythress; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Lieutenant General David Poythress on January 15, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, David Poythress was born on October 24, 1943, in Bibb County, Georgia, a
6 beloved son of John and Dorothy Poythress; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
9 Vietnam War for four years, eventually retiring as Brigadier General; and

10 WHEREAS, he continued serving his country when, in 1999, he was appointed Adjutant
11 General commanding the Georgia Army and Air National Guard; at his reappointment in
12 2002, David Poythress was promoted to Lieutenant General, making him the first Adjutant
13 General in Georgia to earn three stars; and

14 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Poythress had an impressive tenure in this role as he
15 oversaw two brigade-level deployments to Bosnia and Iraq and helped lead the organization
16 to win the Georgia Oglethorpe Award for organization excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Lieutenant General Poythress was an active
18 member of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Elizabeth, and was blessed with
20 three remarkable children, Cullen, Candace, and Kristin, eight wonderful grandchildren, and
21 one outstanding great-grandchild; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lieutenant General Poythress will long be
29 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great
30 fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant General David Poythress and express
33 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
36 Lieutenant General David Poythress.