

Senate Resolution 292

By: Senators Summers of the 13th, Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Kennedy of the 18th and Goodman of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Samuel Albert Way III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Samuel Albert Way III passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 12, 2023,
3 at Taylor Regional Hospital, an institution he cherished; and
- 4 WHEREAS, immediately after graduating high school, he enlisted in the Merchant Marines
5 and served his country in post-World War II Germany, and upon returning from overseas,
6 he enrolled at Emory at Oxford College and then transferred to the University of Georgia,
7 where he graduated in 1949; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after graduation he joined his father, Sam A. Way Jr., and his uncle, Bob Way,
9 in their family business, Way Brothers Auto, and several years later his younger brother,
10 Ramsey T. (Bub) Way, joined the business; and
- 11 WHEREAS, it was also during this time that Sam met the love of his life, Dorothy Cook
12 from Cochran, Georgia; the two were married in 1956 and out of this union they had four
13 children: Mary Ann, Dottie Lee, Bob, and John; and

14 WHEREAS, Sam's interests were wide and varied, but above all else was his love for his
15 family; he was an avid reader of history, had a profound interest in politics, and loved to
16 travel this country and the world with his beloved wife—he also had a deep and abiding love
17 for his hometown of Hawkinsville; and

18 WHEREAS, among his business associations, his proudest was as chairman of Planters
19 Bank, and after joining the board in 1961, he went to work full time as president in 1978; his
20 leadership and vision of this company led to a community bank that now serves numerous
21 counties in Middle Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, Sam devoted much of his life to Baptist interests and served as a board member
23 and chairman of Baptist Village in Waycross, board member of the Georgia Baptist Hospital,
24 board member of the Baptist World Alliance, trustee of Mercer University, and chairman and
25 deacon of First Baptist Church in Hawkinsville for over 60 years.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Samuel Albert Way III and express their deepest and
28 most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
31 Samuel Albert Way III.