

Senate Resolution 41

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ralph Edgar Hardy 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 Ralph Edgar Hardy Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Ralph Edgar Hardy Jr. was born on January 7, 1943, in Jefferson, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of Ralph and Mattie Hardy; and

6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and deed,
7 Edgar faithfully served as deacon of New Salem Baptist Church in Jefferson, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Janice, and was blessed with
9 three remarkable children, Gregg, Marshall, and Martisse; 11 wonderful grandchildren,
10 Quayvis, Keshawn, Kayla, Gregg Jr., Jasmine, Travares, Antonio, Malia, Milan, Macey, and
11 Leanna; and two outstanding great-grandchildren, Ryleigh and Aubree; and

12 WHEREAS, Edgar was a highly praised science teacher, coach, and school administrator
13 during his career of 39 years, tirelessly directing an extraordinary amount of time and talent
14 toward guiding students to a brighter future; and

15 WHEREAS, he earned distinction and recognition for his commitment to excellence and was
16 recognized by Governor Sonny Perdue as one of Georgia's High Performing principals and
17 by Secretary of State Kathy Cox as one of Georgia's most outstanding citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, he was an active member of many civic organizations, including Kappa Alpha
19 Psi Fraternity Inc., 100 Black Men of Albany, and the Georgia Retired Educators'
20 Association; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Edgar will long be remembered for his love
28 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
29 knowing 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 Ralph Edgar Hardy Jr. and express their deepest and
32 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 Ralph Edgar Hardy Jr.