

Senate Resolution 699

By: Senators James of the 35th, Karinshak of the 48th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Preston Raymond Twyman 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 Preston Raymond Twyman Jr. on December 16, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born on September 27, 1933, to Marion and Preston Raymond Twyman
5 Sr. in New York; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he would continue to serve under the federal government after his service by
9 working as an EEOC officer and then as an air traffic controller for the FAA, where he
10 received multiple awards for his dedication to excellence and superior managerial skills,
11 including a letter of commendation from the President of the United States; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Twyman Jr. further served his community when he ran for and won a seat
13 on the city council and, after retiring, acquired his real estate and brokerage license to open
14 his own successful real estate company, Blessed Homes Realty; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a man who held a myriad of passions for his family, his community,
16 Moorish history, reading, research, writing, jazz, and politics; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a witness to major historical developments for Georgia, the United
18 States, and the world, living through multiple presidents, the Second World War, the Cold
19 War, and the civil rights movement; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he spent years of his professional life traveling and relocating all across the
21 continent before retiring to Hampton, Georgia, during the 1980s; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Twyman Jr. was a man of deep and abiding faith and an active member of
23 his community and church for decades, including a tenure teaching Moorish history, finance,
24 entrepreneurship, and life skills on Sunday mornings; and

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

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

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Preston Raymond Twyman Jr. will long
32 be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all
33 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Preston Raymond Twyman Jr. and express their
36 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
39 Preston Raymond Twyman Jr.