

Senate Resolution 81

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Frank Kieffer Martin; 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 Frank Keiffer Martin on August, 12, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was born in Columbus, Georgia, the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs.
5 Frank Callier Martin; and
- 6 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Butch" by his close friends, Mr. Martin graduated
7 from Columbus High School in 1957 and then went on to achieve a Bachelor of Business
8 Administration and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, an intelligent and enterprising student while at the University of Georgia, Mr.
10 Martin served as president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was a member of the
11 Gridiron Secret Society; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin served as Assistant District Attorney for the Chattahoochee Judicial
13 Circuit from 1966 to 1970 before entering a private law practice that would earn him
14 considerable professional distinction in the community; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he spent the last 17 years of his 47 year legal career practicing with his beloved
16 son, John Martin, and acting as the Senior Partner of the Martin Firm, LLP; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was a member of the State Bar of Georgia and the American Board
18 of Criminal Trial Lawyers, of which he served as president in 1989; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he honorably served the City of Columbus as mayor from 1991 to 1994 and
20 used his dedicated leadership to oversee the improvement of numerous historical buildings
21 and city projects; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was vice chairman of the Columbus 1996 Olympic Committee from
23 1993 to 1996 and was instrumental in securing a venue for the Games that would take place
24 in the area, thereby helping Columbus become a part of international history; and

25 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Martin was a devoted member of St. Luke
26 United Methodist Church; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was united in love and marriage to Mrs. Helen Martin and was
28 blessed with two cherished sons, Frank Jr. and John; one remarkable daughter, Katherine;
29 and one precious grandson, John Jr.; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Frank Kieffer Martin and express their deepest
35 and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Frank Kieffer Martin.