

Senate Resolution 1006

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mayor John Austin Waggoner; 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 Mayor John Austin Waggoner on June 16, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted five decades of his time, talents, and
5 energy toward improving the lives of his neighbors and serving as mayor of the City of
6 Colbert, Georgia, for 41 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mayor Waggoner served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as
8 a sergeant in the United States Army, valiantly and bravely protecting Americans and
9 democracy during the Berlin Crisis and Cuban Missile Crisis; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
11 and diplomacy, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of the City of Colbert and the
12 State of Georgia have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, he oversaw great prosperity and economic growth
15 and development for the City of Colbert and its residents, including the Madison County
16 Board of Health, Northeast Georgia Health District, Colbert Elementary School Board of
17 Trustees, Colbert Volunteer Fire Department, and many more accomplishments and services
18 to the community; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mayor Waggoner was employed with Athens Hardware Company and served
20 faithfully as a purchasing agent, working part time between the City of Colbert and the
21 company; and

22 WHEREAS, his love for his country, state, and city did not surpass his love and dedication
23 to his Lord and Savior; he faithfully attended Word of Life Church for over 80 years and
24 served as Sunday school treasurer for 50 years; and

25 WHEREAS, Mayor Waggoner was united in love and marriage to his wife, Ann, on
26 March 1, 1957, and they were married for 61 years until her death on December 17, 2018;
27 they were blessed with two daughters, Angie Waggoner and Alisa Waggoner Shiflet, and two
28 grandsons, Austin and Peyton Shiflet; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mayor Waggoner will long be remembered
30 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
31 fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 join in honoring the life and memory of Mayor John Austin Waggoner and express their
34 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
37 Mayor John Austin Waggoner.