

## Senate Resolution 4EX

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Miller of the 49th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of the Honorable P. Harris Hines, former Chief Justice  
2 of the Supreme Court of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is with a heavy heart that the State of Georgia pays it final respects to the  
4 Honorable P. Harris Hines, a great legal mind and devoted public servant, who dedicated  
5 more than four decades of his life to justice while serving on the bench; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born on September 6, 1943, and graduated from Henry W. Grady High  
7 School before earning his bachelor's and law degrees from Emory University; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hines began his illustrious legal career in 1974 when Governor  
9 Jimmy Carter appointed him to serve on the State Court of Cobb County; in succeeding  
10 decades, he served on the Cobb County Superior Court and, in 1995, was appointed by  
11 Governor Zell Miller to the Supreme Court of Georgia, where he became Chief Justice in  
12 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Georgia Supreme Court, Chief Justice Hines earned a  
14 well-deserved reputation for his brilliant mind and astute legal acumen while presiding over  
15 the court with a respectful and gracious temperament and handing down honorable and  
16 fair-minded decisions; and

17 WHEREAS, known for his approachable and friendly demeanor, Chief Justice Hines was  
18 cherished by many for his infectious smile, warm and easygoing personality, and constant  
19 displays of kindness and compassion; and

20 WHEREAS, he was voted Cobb County's "Most Admired Community Leader" and served  
21 as an elder and a clerk at his church; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hines will long be remembered and sorely missed by his friends,  
23 colleagues, and neighbors and by his loving family, including his wife, Helen, and two  
24 children and four grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, while we mourn the unexpected loss of a true leader who was the epitome of  
26 a gentleman, comfort can be gained in knowing how fortunate the citizens of this state are  
27 to have had such an inspiring and passionate leader.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 join together in honoring and remembering the life of the Honorable P. Harris Hines, express  
30 their deepest regret at his passing, and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of the  
33 Honorable P. Harris Hines.