

## Senate Resolution 705

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st and Wilkinson of the 50th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Marvin Botnick; 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 Marvin Botnick on January 17, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Miriam, and was blessed with  
5 remarkable children and several wonderful grandchildren; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Marvin graduated with a degree in business administration from Duke  
7 University, where he played lacrosse for four years and was inducted into the Mississippi  
8 Jewish Lacrosse Hall of Fame; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, he was Atlanta's first Jewish commercial loan officer with First  
10 National Bank of America; he later became chairman of the board and chief executive officer  
11 of the Mercantile National Bank; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Marvin was the publisher of the *Jewish Georgia Newspaper* for 28 years and  
13 opened Atlanta's first homeless shelter for couples called the Zaban-paradise Center for  
14 Homeless Couples; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Marvin, will long be remembered for his  
22 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
23 fortune of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Marvin Botnick and express deepest and most  
26 sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
29 Marvin Botnick.