

Senate Resolution 1014

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones of the 25th, Miller of the 49th and Jackson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending William F. Harris; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, William F. Harris was born on February 20, 1926, to John and Lillian Harris,
3 and this year he enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating his 90th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
5 States Army Air Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans in the
6 15th Air Force in Italy as a tail gunner on a B-24 during World War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, using the GI Bill, he obtained his associate's degree from Georgia State
8 University and, in the 1950s, returned to Monroe County to buy a dairy farm operation, on
9 which he still lives today; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he selflessly served on the Monroe County Board of Commissioners from
11 1968-1976; as the District 27 Senator from 1982-1992, where he served as Majority Whip
12 for Governor Zell Miller; and was active with the Monroe County Farm Bureau and the State
13 Board of the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
15 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience
17 and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of
18 life; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he is an active member of Salem Primitive
20 Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, a kind and generous man, he brings joy and happiness to his many friends,
22 neighbors, and family members who have the great pleasure of knowing him; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his
24 lifetime and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good
25 citizenship; and

26 WHEREAS, by the example Mr. Harris has made of his life, he makes this world a better
27 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized
28 during this very special and memorable time of his life.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend William F. Harris for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the citizens
31 of his community and state; congratulate him on the remarkable occasion of his 90th
32 birthday; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
33 happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to William F. Harris.