

Senate Resolution 523

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 109th birthday of Mrs. Willie Mae Hardy; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Willie Mae Hardy was born on March 11, 1908, in Junction City, Georgia,
4 a beloved daughter of Celia Durham, and this year she enjoys the rare distinction of
5 celebrating her 109th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, her childhood consisted of working in the cotton fields, going to school and
7 church, and looking after her younger siblings, and despite having a third grade education,
8 she learned how to both read and write; and

9 WHEREAS, she was blessed with one remarkable daughter, Cassie Neil, and relocated to
10 Atlanta, Georgia, in 1939; and

11 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Hardy joined Butler Street Baptist
12 Church in 1944, where she has remained a faithful member for more than 71 years and is
13 currently the oldest member, having served as treasurer, secretary of the Motherboard,
14 president of the Willing Workers, missionary board member, and a weekly cook in the
15 church kitchen; and

16 WHEREAS, she is a loving and caring grandmother, the "family backbone," a dedicated
17 church member, and a dear friend; and

18 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
19 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens; and she possesses the vast wisdom
20 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
21 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

22 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
23 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life,
24 she makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she
25 be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring Mrs. Willie Mae Hardy for her unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to
28 the members of her family and community, congratulate her on the remarkable occasion of
29 her 109th birthday, and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
30 happiness.

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 Mrs. Willie Mae
33 Hardy.