

Senate Resolution 56

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Esteves of the 6th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending John Evans upon his 90th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, this year, John Evans will enjoy the delightful occasion of celebrating his 90th
3 birthday at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts & Community Center alongside his beloved
4 friends and family; and
- 5 WHEREAS, after graduation from Tennessee State University, he moved back to Chicago,
6 Illinois, where he worked as an accountant with the Standard Oil Company and as an internal
7 auditor with the Commonwealth Edison Company; and
- 8 WHEREAS, John then moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to serve as a business manager for the
9 Interdenominational Theological Center, one of the five schools in the Atlanta University
10 Center, a position he held for 13 years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he has further served as a member of the DeKalb County Board of
12 Commissioners, a member of the Marta Board of Directors, a player in the Negro Baseball
13 League with the Indianapolis Clowns, and as president of the DeKalb County Branch of the
14 NAACP; and

15 WHEREAS, he has received many awards for his community involvement, including the
16 DeKalb County Community Development Service Award, the David C. Albert Award and
17 Lifetime Achievement Award from the DeKalb Branch of the NAACP, the Liberty Bell
18 Award from the Decatur-DeKalb Bar Association, and more; and

19 WHEREAS, John is the father of three outstanding children, Harvey, Darla, and Malia, and
20 he has been blessed with five remarkable grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, John possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the
22 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend John Evans upon the grand occasion of his 90th birthday and wish
30 him future success, happiness, and good health.

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 John Evans.