

Senate Resolution 642

By: Senator Albers of the 56th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the life and accomplishments of Nelson Lee Jones, and commending him on his  
2 service to the United States of America; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Nelson Lee Jones was born in 1924 in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and  
4 developed a strong work ethic and sense of character early in life, owing to a series of  
5 unfortunate circumstances; and

6 WHEREAS, Nelson valiantly served his country in World War II by choosing to enlist,  
7 despite being given an option to stay home, as he was then the sole provider for his mother;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he went to war the day after D-Day, fought and made it to Paris, and was  
10 directed to Belgium, where he was captured and spent many months thereafter as a prisoner  
11 of war with the German military forces; and

12 WHEREAS, he was forced to march from Southern Germany to Northern Germany and  
13 almost froze to death, but was thankfully rescued when the British forces liberated his camp  
14 and transported him to a hospital in England, where he stayed until he was well enough to  
15 return to the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, during his recuperation back home in the United States, he met Betty Jean  
17 Redmond; they were united in marriage on August 11, 1945, and were blessed by two  
18 wonderful sons, five outstanding grandchildren, and eight exceptional great-grandchildren;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Nelson and his bride traveled the world, lived in various parts of the South over  
21 the course of his employment with the furniture industry, and enjoyed their shared faith in  
22 Jesus Christ; and

23 WHEREAS, this past April, Nelson lost the love of his life when Jean went home to be with  
24 the Lord, but nonetheless has remained strong by awaiting the day when he will be reunited  
25 with his loved ones in Heaven; and

26 WHEREAS, he has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his lifetime,  
27 and we salute his contribution to its progress through his tireless efforts on behalf of his  
28 country; and

29 WHEREAS, by the example Nelson has made of his life, he makes this world a better place  
30 in which to live, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize the life and accomplishments of Nelson Lee Jones, commend him for his unselfish,  
33 dedicated, and loving service to his family and country, and extend their most sincere best  
34 wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Nelson Lee Jones.