

Senate Resolution 666

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Jones of the 25th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of William "Bill" Fred Roberts; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a distinguished citizen with the passing
3 of William "Bill" Fred Roberts; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts is remembered for his service to the United States, and also as a
5 man deeply committed to his family, community, and church; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was an amazing husband to Judy, his wife of 62 years, a beloved
7 brother to his sisters, JoAnne and Peggy, and a loving uncle to his nephews and nieces; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts served the United States as a respected officer in the Marine Corps.
9 He was an active duty officer for three years, followed by eleven years as an active reserve
10 where he attained the rank of Major; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was an alumni of four Georgia schools, earning an associate arts
12 degree from Young Harris College, a bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University, a
13 bachelor of business degree from Georgia State University, and a Juris Doctor degree from
14 Woodrow Wilson College of Law; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts is remembered for his thirty years of leadership as a public
16 administrator in the State of Georgia, where he worked with the State School Building
17 Authority, the University System Building Authority, and the Georgia State Financing and
18 Investment Commission. Mr. Roberts retired in 1994 after sixteen years as Executive
19 Secretary and Director of the Construction Division; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was a member of Fayetteville First Baptist Church, where he was
21 an active attendee of the KeyStone Men's Sunday School Class and served as a deacon
22 emeritus; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was involved at Mercer University, serving as the president of
24 Mercer University's President's Club and as a member of the Mercer Athletic Foundation.
25 He was also a generous benefactor focusing on athletic and student services; and

26 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Roberts brought sorrow, but it also brought together a
27 community with the loving and enduring memory of a great and honored man who always
28 provided love and guidance to his friends, family, church, and community.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 join in honoring the life and memory of William "Bill" Fred Roberts and express their
31 deepest and most sincere condolences to his family.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
34 William "Bill" Fred Roberts.