By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating William Thomas Robie; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, William Thomas Robie was born on January 29, 1920, in Baldwin County,
- 3 Georgia, and this year he enjoyed the rare distinction of celebrating his 100th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided

5 the foundation of success from which his family members have developed and flourished,

6 as evidenced by his five wonderful children; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United

- 8 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans in Italy as part of
- 9 the 92nd Black Buffalo Division from 1944–1945; he retired as a first sergeant and has been
- 10 honored for his service at the Black Buffalo Soldier Museum in Houston, Texas, with a brick
- 11 inscribed with his name; and
- 12 WHEREAS, despite retiring from real estate management nearly 20 years ago, William
- 13 Thomas Robie is actively engaged with the Empire Board of REALTISTS, Inc., and the
- 14 Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his highideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, William Thomas Robie possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through
experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many
challenges of life; and

20 WHEREAS, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with 21 an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

- 22 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, William Thomas Robie brings joy and happiness
- 23 to his family and to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing
- him; and
- WHEREAS, he has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his lifetime,
 and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good citizenship; and
- WHEREAS, by the example William Thomas Robie has made of his life, he makes this
 world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately
 recognized during this very special and memorable time.
- 30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body 31 commend William Thomas Robie for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the 32 members of his family, community, and state; congratulate him on the remarkable occasion 33 of his 100th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and 34 happiness.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to William Thomas
 Robie.