

Senate Resolution 854

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd,
Robertson of the 29th and Burke of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Charles Speight; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Charles Speight was born on April 2, 1922, in Unadilla, Georgia, and this year
3 he enjoys 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 for
6 three generations as evidenced by his three wonderful children, six outstanding
7 grandchildren, and a number of exceptional great-grandchildren; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
9 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Charles possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and
11 the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
14 States Naval Air Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during

15 World War II, earning two distinguished flying crosses, five air medals, and two presidential
16 unit citations; and

17 WHEREAS, after serving his country, Charles came home and went into the family
18 wholesale grocery business, the Unadilla Wholesale Company, before retiring and selling the
19 business in the mid nineties; and

20 WHEREAS, a man of God, Charles has been teaching Sunday school at Unadilla Baptist
21 Church for nearly 70 years; and

22 WHEREAS, a resident of Unadilla, Georgia, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with
23 an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

24 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Charles brings joy and happiness to his family and
25 to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing him; 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 community, state, and country; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Charles Speight for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the members of

34 his family and state; congratulate him on the remarkable occasion of his 100th birthday; and
35 extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Charles Speight.