

Senate Resolution 778

By: Senator Smith of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mr. Eugene A. Ellis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Eugene A. Ellis is a distinguished resident of Milledgeville, Georgia;

3 WHEREAS, he was born on December 31, 1913, in Canton, Maine, where he attended the
4 local schools and at age 16 started his first job as a telegraph operator for a railroad company;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, he worked as a deputy sheriff in Farmington, Maine, until he was called into
7 military service in 1941 before the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

8 WHEREAS, his five years of service with the United States Army during World War II were
9 characterized by an unstinting commitment to duty and included many memorable
10 adventures, such as being among the convoy of ships that accompanied General Douglas
11 MacArthur on his promised return to the Philippines; and

12 WHEREAS, at every point during his military service, he acted honorably with great
13 bravery; and

14 WHEREAS, following his discharge in 1946, he joined the Milledgeville City Police and in
15 1949 was appointed Chief of Police, a position which he held with great distinction until
16 1975 at which point he was named City Marshal; and

17 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1977, he was named Chief Deputy Sheriff and served in that
18 capacity until his retirement on December 31, 1983; and

19 WHEREAS, until her death in 1995, he was married to Massilee Winslette, a registered nurse
20 from Putnam County, Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, their 51 year loving union produced three children of whom their parents were
2 always most proud: Donna Jean, George, and Randy; and

3 WHEREAS, Eugene Ellis's life has been lived largely in service to others, and for his many
4 contributions to society as a serviceman, law enforcement officer, husband, and father we
5 express our gratitude.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 honor and commend Eugene A. Ellis and recognize him as an outstanding citizen of the State
8 of Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Eugene A. Ellis.