

Senate Resolution 1045

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Gillis of the 20th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable William (Billy) Shaw Abney; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable William (Billy) Shaw Abney is a distinguished and long-serving  
3 public official who was a member of both the House of Representatives and the Georgia  
4 Senate before he served for decades as a Juvenile Court Judge where he retired; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 10, 1934, in LaFayette, Walker County, Georgia;  
6 graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1952; and  
7 received his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1958; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a most capable member of the Georgia House of Representatives  
9 from 1961 through 1966 and then served in the Georgia Senate from 1967 until he resigned  
10 on March 26, 1971, to accept the appointment as a Juvenile Court Judge; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Abney was highly respected for his abiding interest in the welfare of  
12 children and youth, and his keen intellect and deep commitment to social justice earned him  
13 a position of the utmost esteem among his professional colleagues and staff who have all  
14 valued their associations with this very special gentleman.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
16 salute Honorable William (Billy) Shaw Abney for his exemplary service to the State of  
17 Georgia, the General Assembly, and the Judiciary and to this state's children and youth.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable William (Billy) Shaw Abney.