

Senate Resolution 201

By: Senator Starr of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Dr. William Franklin Harrington; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Dr. William Franklin Harrington; and

4 WHEREAS, he was born on a farm in Low Country South Carolina but proudly adopted
5 Georgia as his home, serving two Georgia churches with distinction and devoting his life to
6 his community through his service at the First Presbyterian Church of Hinesville and
7 Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, this beloved theologian was actively involved in the religious, civic, and
9 charitable affairs of his community and gave unstintingly and unceasingly of his time,
10 talents, and energy to improve the quality of life in his community, as dramatically evidenced
11 by his leadership at Peachtree Presbyterian, with the church building over 100 Habitat for
12 Humanity homes, supporting the Techwood TOPS program, the Atlanta Union Mission, the
13 local Salvation Army, Covenant House, and many other local charities; and

14 WHEREAS, with the strong support of his wife, daughters, and his loving and faithful
15 congregation, he helped Peachtree Presbyterian to grow to the largest North American
16 Presbyterian church with more than 11,000 members; he devoted time, energy, and resources
17 to seed 26 new churches; and he was visionary in using local and cable television since the
18 early 1970's and the Internet to broadcast Sunday services; and

19 WHEREAS, many Atlanta community, business, and political leaders are members of
20 Peachtree Presbyterian Church and his final public event was to serve at Governor Roy
21 Barnes's inauguration ceremony; and

22 WHEREAS, his unparalleled spiritual element, sense of humor, organizational and
23 leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his

1 acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his community earned him the respect and
2 admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

3 WHEREAS, the passing of this generous, unselfish, and devoted family man leaves an
4 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Dr. William Franklin
7 Harrington.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Dr. William Franklin
10 Harrington.