

Senate Resolution 24

By: Senators Smith of the 25th and Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 In tribute to Honorable Carl Vinson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Carl Vinson was born in Baldwin County, Georgia, on November
3 18, 1883, and was one of seven children born to Edward Storey Vinson and Annie Morris
4 Vinson; and

5 WHEREAS, he attended Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College in Milledgeville,
6 began reading law in the law library of Judge Edward R. Hines as a teenager, and graduated
7 from Mercer University Law School in 1902; and

8 WHEREAS, he was admitted to the practice of law in 1902, became a junior partner with
9 Judge Hines, and was appointed solicitor of the County Court of Baldwin County in 1904
10 and again in 1906; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1909, at the age of 25, he was elected to a two-year term in the Georgia
12 House of Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, he was reelected in 1911 and served as Speaker Pro Tempore during his second
14 term; and

15 WHEREAS, he served as judge of the County Court of Baldwin County from October 3,
16 1912, to November 2, 1914; and

17 WHEREAS, on November 3, 1914, 15 days before his thirty-first birthday, Honorable Carl
18 Vinson was sworn in as the youngest member of Congress, having been elected to both the
19 unexpired term of Honorable Thomas W. Hardwick and a full term in the 64th Congress; and

20 WHEREAS, his career in the United States Congress spanned 50 years and one month,
21 ending on January 3, 1965, during which time he served as chairman of the House Naval

1 Affairs Committee from 1931 to 1947 and chairman of the House Armed Services
2 Committee in the Eighty-first, Eighty-second, and Eighty-fourth through Eighty-eighth
3 Congresses; and

4 WHEREAS, he was committed to the defense of the nation but expressed the hope that "the
5 casting of every gun and the building of every ship will be done with a prayer for the peace
6 of America"; and

7 WHEREAS, on March 15, 1980, he became the first living American to have a U. S. Navy
8 ship named after him, the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70); and

9 WHEREAS, until his death on June 1, 1981, Honorable Carl Vinson was a person who was
10 committed to public service, the defense of the nation, and his beloved Georgia.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 recognize the life of Honorable Carl Vinson, his exemplary record of public service, and his
13 many contributions to the State of Georgia and the United States of America.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Military College for placement
16 in an appropriate place of honor.