

Senate Resolution 585

By: Senators Moody of the 27th and Stephens of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of General Raymond G. Davis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and
- 5 WHEREAS, on September 3, 2003, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
6 distinguished citizens in the untimely passing of General Raymond G. Davis; and
- 7 WHEREAS, General Davis has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the
8 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
9 of the citizens of the United States; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this native son of Fitzgerald, Georgia, diligently and conscientiously served his
11 country with honor and distinction during the Second World War, the Korean War, and the
12 Vietnam War as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and
- 13 WHEREAS, time and again during his incredible career, this extraordinary man
14 demonstrated valor and heroism that resulted in his being awarded the Navy Cross, the
15 Purple Heart, two Silver Star Medals, two Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the
16 Distinguished Service Medal, and the Medal of Honor; and
- 17 WHEREAS, following his retirement from active duty, he became a tireless advocate on
18 behalf of veterans, and his efforts were directly responsible for the creation of the Korean
19 War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this American hero leaves an unfillable void in the
21 hearts and lives of his family and friend; and

1 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
2 spirit and willpower and will always serve as a reminder that "freedom is not free," and it is
3 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and
4 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

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 General Raymond G. Davis;
7 commend him for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the
8 citizens of his country and state; and extend to his family their most profound appreciation
9 for all members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate
10 sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of General Raymond G.
13 Davis.