

Senate Resolution 642

By: Senator Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Wentworth Xavier (Pat) Durkee, Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Wentworth Xavier (Pat) Durkee, Sr., of Hartwell observed his 80th birthday on
4 December 1, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps,
6 having served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and also in the Korean War. Later,
7 after attaining the rank of 1st Sergeant in 1958 (the 15th of 38 men selected out of 600), he
8 ultimately rose to the rank of Sergeant Major in 1963; and

9 WHEREAS, after retiring from the Marine Corps in 1968, he worked as a field director for
10 the Boy Scouts of America, retiring again in 1978. He then completed his master's degree
11 in education and set off on a third career as a teacher at Kelly Lake School in DeKalb
12 County. From 1980 to 1992, he devoted his many talents to the training of young people,
13 and he was honored for his outstanding service and accomplishments by being named
14 DeKalb County's "Teacher of the Year" in 1988; and

15 WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Episcopal Church in Hartwell, several civic
16 organizations, the Retired Association of the 3rd Marine Division, and the American Legion;
17 and he continues to blend his love of teaching and art by teaching oil painting at Anderson
18 College.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 congratulate Wentworth Xavier (Pat) Durkee, Sr., upon the recent occasion of his 80th
21 birthday and commend him for his many contributions to the welfare of this state and nation.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Wentworth Xavier (Pat) Durkee, Sr.