

Senate Resolution 985

By: Senator Kemp of the 46th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Mr. Coy C. Williamson, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Coy C. Williamson, Jr., was born on March 27, 1936, in Jackson County,  
3 Georgia, to his loving parents Mr. Coy Williamson, Sr., and the former Lula Colbert; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson served his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force  
5 and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska; and
- 6 WHEREAS, following his tour, he enrolled in Stillman College, where he met the love of  
7 his life and future wife of 37 years, Betty Brown; and from their blissful union, two beautiful  
8 daughters, Coylitia and Bettrena, were born; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson joined Hill First Baptist Church in Athens, Georgia, and  
10 faithfully served the church as a parishioner, deacon, and trustee board member; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a prodigious business owner, he and Betty opened Grandview Care Center, a  
12 100 bed long-term care facility in Athens, followed by the Grandview Car Wash in 1978, and  
13 the 120 bed Imperial Health Care Center in 1982; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2000, he built the Gardenview Funeral Chapel; and, in 2002, he purchased  
15 Williamson Mortuary; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was active in his community, serving on numerous civic boards and  
17 professional organizations, including the Georgia Nursing Home Association, The American  
18 Health Care Association, the National Caucus on Black Aged, the National Business League,  
19 and the Northeast Georgia Business League, and was a life member of both the National  
20 Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

1 WHEREAS, he was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2000  
2 Atlanta Tribune Hall of Fame "New Millennium" Leader; the 1999 "S" Stillman College  
3 Alumni Award; the 1998 Northeast Georgia Business of the Year Star Award; and the 1998  
4 Martin Luther King, Jr., Human Relations Award; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson is survived by his lovely wife and two devoted daughters.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
7 honor and remember the great life, memory, service, love, and faith of Mr. Coy C.  
8 Williamson, Jr.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Betty Williamson.