

Senate Resolution 1190

By: Senator Collins of the 6th

## A RESOLUTION

1 In memory of Mr. William Pierce "Bill" Lamkin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the international community lost one of their finest  
3 citizens, editors, and advocates for peace with the passing of Mr. William Pierce "Bill"  
4 Lamkin on November 15, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to World War II, he was a student of ministry at Louisiana College when,  
6 in 1943, he waived his draft exemption and voluntarily enlisted in the Army Air Force; and

7 WHEREAS, for his service in the 9th Combat Cargo Squadron, he earned the Distinguished  
8 Flying Cross four times, the Air Medal five times, and the Asian-Pacific Campaign Medal  
9 with two battle stars; and

10 WHEREAS, as a civilian, Mr. Lamkin was an editor for the *Charlotte Observer* and news  
11 director and magazine editor for the Presbyterian Church in America before he devoted his  
12 life and career to Friendship Force International, an Atlanta based foreign exchange program  
13 dedicated to building bridges of understanding and peace through personal friendships; and

14 WHEREAS, as Friendship Force International's magazine editor, he dedicated himself to  
15 promoting peace throughout the world and in doing so took the organization's message of  
16 peace and friendship to the peoples of 64 countries; and

17 WHEREAS, as well as traveling abroad, Mr. Lamkin and his wife, Jane, generously hosted  
18 persons from around the world on Friendship Force International exchanges to Atlanta; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a member of House of Hope, an international peace center advocating  
20 reconciliation between Arabs and Jews and, for its cause, he visited Israel nine times; and

1 WHEREAS, his personal motto, "a world of friends is a world of peace," was known to all  
2 who knew him well; and

3 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Jane; son, John; daughters, Jean, Carol, and  
4 Jennifer; and seven glorious grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 honor and remember the great life and spirit of Mr. William Pierce "Bill" Lamkin and his  
7 many contributions to the local and international communities and peace and extend to his  
8 family sincerest and deepest condolences.

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 Jane Edgar Lamkin.