

Senate Resolution 1255

By: Senators Kemp of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th and Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. William Coleman Hartman, Jr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia has lost one of its most beloved citizens and a legendary figure in
4 University of Georgia football history on March 16, 2006, with the passing of Mr. William
5 "Bill" Coleman Hartman, Jr., of Athens, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born on St. Patrick's Day, 1915, in Thomaston, Georgia, and spent most
7 of his childhood in Madison, Georgia, where he was a halfback for the Madison High School
8 football team; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartman went on to attend the University of Georgia, where he became one
10 of the school's most celebrated athletes, earning great distinction for his performance as a
11 halfback, fullback, and quarterback on the school's football team, where he was team captain
12 and was All-SEC and All-America as a senior in 1937; and

13 WHEREAS, after playing one season with the NFL's Washington Redskins, Mr. Hartman
14 returned to Athens in 1939, where he served for several years as a coach for the University
15 of Georgia football team's backfield, helping to cultivate the talents of many of UGA's most
16 renowned players; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartman later had a successful career in insurance, but continued his
18 involvement with the University of Georgia, serving two terms as president of the University
19 of Georgia alumni society and for several years serving as the unpaid chairman of the
20 Georgia Student Educational Fund, among countless other activities; and

21 WHEREAS, so respected was he for his immense coaching talents that in the 1970s Head
22 Coach Vince Dooley asked Mr. Hartman to become a volunteer kicking coach, a position that

1 he enthusiastically held until the NCAA abolished volunteer coaches; after that, Mr. Hartman
2 enrolled in graduate school and coached for three more years as a graduate assistant; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartman enjoyed a loving marriage to the late Ruth Landers, with whom
4 he was blessed to have three children, Laura Hartman Ciucevich, Barbara Hartman Howell,
5 and William Coleman Hartman III; and

6 WHEREAS, besides his two daughters and son, he is survived by his loving second wife,
7 Mary Hartman, and his six grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, few alumni have contributed as much to the University of Georgia as Mr.
9 Hartman, who will always be remembered with the greatest affection for his loyalty,
10 integrity, aptitude for storytelling, generosity, and kind and loving spirit.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 join in remembering and honoring the life of Mr. William Coleman Hartman, Jr., and extend
13 their most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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 Mrs. Mary Hartman.