

Senate Resolution 373

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 19th, Thomas of the 54th, Wiles of the 37th and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Willie "Bill" Golden; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Willie "Bill" Golden has had a long and distinguished career as a public
3 servant spanning more than 48 years; and

4 WHEREAS, he is a native of Wilkinson County and holds a certificate from Middle Georgia
5 College and earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Georgia and a Ph. D.
6 from Texas A&M University; and

7 WHEREAS, his leadership abilities were evident at an early age when elected president of
8 his high school junior class and captain of his football team; and

9 WHEREAS, he further distinguished himself by being elected president of the Middle
10 Georgia College student body and captain of the Middle Georgia College football team; and

11 WHEREAS, his stellar good looks, keen wit, and southern charm earned him the titles of Mr.
12 Freshman and Mr. Middle Georgia College; and

13 WHEREAS, his professional choices led him into a long and illustrious career with the
14 University of Georgia Extension Service; and

15 WHEREAS, he later joined the ranks of Georgia Southern University, first as the director of
16 corporate and foundation relations, then as president of the Georgia Southern University
17 Foundation, and more recently served as director of governmental relations for Georgia
18 Southern University; and

19 WHEREAS, he has served his profession and community through his participation and
20 leadership on numerous professional and civic organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, he now ends his career to spend those "golden years" with his lovely wife, Julie;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the "dean" of the Shoeshine Gang will be missed by his colleagues at the
4 University System of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that he be recognized by this body upon the
6 occasion of his forthcoming retirement.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 congratulate Dr. Willie "Bill" Golden upon his forthcoming retirement and commend him
9 for his many achievements and contributions to the welfare of this state.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Willie "Bill" Golden.