

House Resolution 510

By: Representatives Lane of the 158th, Burns of the 157th, Parrish of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 149th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Willie "Bill" Golden and inviting him to appear before the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

8 WHEREAS, his leadership abilities were evident at an early age when elected President of
9 his high school junior class and Captain of his football team; and

10 WHEREAS, he further distinguished himself by being elected President of the Middle
11 Georgia College student body and named Captain of the Middle Georgia College football
12 team; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, he later joined the ranks of Georgia Southern University first as the Director of
18 Corporate and Foundation Relations, then as President of the Georgia Southern University
19 Foundation, and more recently served as Director of Governmental Relations for Georgia
20 Southern University; and

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

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

5 WHEREAS, the "Dean" of the Shoeshine Gang will be missed by his colleagues of the
6 University System.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body congratulate Dr. Willie "Bill" Golden upon his retirement,
9 commend him for his many achievements and contributions to the welfare of this state, and
10 invite him to appear before the House of Representatives on a date and at a time to be
11 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Willie "Bill" Golden.