

Senate Resolution 415

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Earl H. Cheek; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Earl H. Cheek has provided a lifetime of service to his family, community, and
3 country and was recently honored by the attendance of over 60 relatives and special friends
4 at a dinner to celebrate his 90th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, there is great affection and respect for Earl Cheek, well known as "Mr. Cheek"
6 and "Gramps" to a host of young people; and

7 WHEREAS, Earl H. Cheek grew up in Dodge County as the oldest of five brothers with five
8 older sisters and enjoys talking about the days when they all picked cotton; and

9 WHEREAS, he served his country in World War II and continued in the Air Force Reserves,
10 reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

11 WHEREAS, he attended Middle Georgia College and went on to the University of Georgia
12 where he earned a Bachelor of Science in 1937 and a Master's in Education in 1951; and

13 WHEREAS, he was named to the University of Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2000
14 for his many contributions in the field of vocational agriculture; and

15 WHEREAS, he served for 37 years as a teacher, during which time he established two
16 vocational agriculture departments and trained and supervised ten University of Georgia
17 student teachers in vocational agriculture; and

18 WHEREAS, most of his teaching career was spent at Perry High School, and he is a charter
19 member of the Georgia Vocational and Extension Service Coordinating Committee and
20 served on the state Agriculture Education Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, he was also awarded the National FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement
2 Award and was named Georgia Retired Educator of the year in 1997; and

3 WHEREAS, he also served as an administrative aide to United States Senator Sam Nunn and
4 as field director for Congressman Richard Ray; and

5 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Norma, live in Perry and enjoy spending time with their large
6 family and many friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Earl H. Cheek is a beloved man and has provided a lifetime of service to his
8 family, community, and state, and it is only fitting that this body recognize his
9 accomplishments.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 commend Earl H. Cheek for his outstanding contributions to education and the State of
12 Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Earl H. Cheek.