

Senate Resolution 1645

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Deacon Ralph Long, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Deacon Ralph Long, Jr., on April 24, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Deacon Long was born on April 29, 1930, in Athens, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of the late Oree Barnett Long and Ralph Long, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Athens High and Industrial Schools, Deacon Long served as a
7 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and
8 courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean War; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was recognized during his service to this country with a Combat Infantry
10 Badge, a Korean Service Medal with two campaign Bronze Stars, and a United Nations
11 Service Medal; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Deacon Long diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and
13 energy for 30 years to the United States Postal Service; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Deacon Long was an active member of
15 Chestnut Grove Baptist Church; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Deacon Long was united in love and marriage to Juanita Mitchell Long for 54
17 wonderful years and was blessed with three remarkable children, Roy, Katrinia, and Karen;
18 six wonderful grandchildren, Raymond, LaShawne, Jonathan, Jessica, Rachel, and Matthew;
19 and four delightful great-grandchildren, Alexis, Tyree, Sophia, Sebastian; and

20 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
22 family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deacon Long will long be remembered for
27 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, grandfather, and
28 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Deacon Ralph Long, Jr., and express their deepest
31 and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Deacon Ralph Long, Jr.