

Senate Resolution 37

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert C. Stover; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the passing of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 and honorable military heroes with the passing of Mr. Robert C. Stover on December 25,
4 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Stover was born on February 15, 1928, in Berlin, Alabama, to Bessie
6 Smiley Stover and Mose Stover, Sr.; and

7 WHEREAS, this great Georgian was educated in the Dallas County Public School System
8 and graduated from Berlin Normal High School in 1946; and

9 WHERAS, Mr. Stover served his country with honor and distinction for 23 years in the
10 United States Army as a Sergeant First Class, serving two tours of duty in Korea, three tours
11 in Germany, two tours in Vietnam, and one tour in Japan; and

12 WHEREAS, during Mr. Stover's military career he completed Ranger School at Ft. Benning,
13 Georgia, Chemical School at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, and Airborne School at Ft. Bragg,
14 North Carolina; and

15 WHEREAS, this devoted military officer received numerous awards and distinctions,
16 including two Purple Heart Medals, five Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service
17 Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, a Combat Infantry Badge, a Civil
18 Action Honor Medal, an Expert Marksman Badge, and a Master PSB; and

19 WHEREAS, after he retired from his military career, Mr. Stover worked as a machine
20 operator with W.C. Bradley-Charbroil Division, receiving many awards for his superior work
21 during his 25 years with the company, including Employee of the Month; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Stover was an active member of Greater Shady Grove Baptist Church,
23 where he served with devotion on the Deacon Ministry, and a lifetime member of the
24 NAACP, AMVETS, and DAV; and

25 WHEREAS, he was active in the Prince Hall Masonic family, holding many leadership
26 positions throughout the years, as well as a member of the Men's Progressive Club, where
27 he worked relentlessly to eradicate homelessness and racial inequality; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Stover's survivors include his five loving children, Reverend D. Albert
29 Turk, Clarence Bernard Stover, Reverend Daryl A. Stover, Robin Redmon, and Yolande
30 Stover, four grandchildren, and several other devoted relatives and loyal friends; and

31 WHEREAS, all who were privileged to know this distinguished Georgian join his family in
32 mourning his loss.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body hereby honors
34 the life and memory of Mr. Robert C. Stover and expresses its appreciation of his many
35 contributions to his community, state, and country.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Stover's family.