

Senate Resolution 102

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 90th birthday of Mr. Norman F. Lumpkin, Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Norman F. Lumpkin spent his childhood in the "Butter Milk Bottom
4 Community" of Atlanta, Georgia, until he was 13; and

5 WHEREAS, having lost his mother at the age of 10, Mr. Lumpkin went to work as a bicycle
6 delivery boy for Lane Drug Company when he was 13 in order to support himself and earn
7 money to rent out a room in the neighborhood; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Lumpkin soon became a cook's helper at Lane Drug Company and after
9 working there for two years, he was promoted to head chef; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1940 Mr. Lumpkin began his long career with Western Electric Company,
11 serving as the cafeteria's chef and later the company's janitor when the cafeteria was closed
12 down; and

13 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from Western Electric Company in 1961, this dedicated and
14 hardworking man was serving as the company's chief plant maintenance engineer; and

15 WHEREAS, as a baseball player, Mr. Lumpkin earned the nickname "Geronimo" during his
16 time in the Negro American League with the Atlanta Black Crackers for his impressive
17 abilities as a leadoff batter and base runner; and

18 WHEREAS, this 60 year resident of the Dixie Hills Community in Atlanta enjoys wood
19 carving, taxidermy, listening to jazz, and studying world history and animals; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1938, Mr. Lumpkin was united in love and marriage to Annie Lee Watkins,
21 and the couple spent 63 amazing years together, being blessed with three loving and devoted
22 children; and

23 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian has given inspiration to many through his
24 impressive work ethic and commitment, and he possesses the vast wisdom which only comes
25 through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the
26 many challenges of life; and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized
27 during this very special and remarkable time in his life.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Mr. Norman F. Lumpkin,
29 Sr., is hereby congratulated on the wonderful occasion of his 90th birthday and commended
30 for his many decades of caring devotion to his family and fellow citizens.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Norman F. Lumpkin, Sr.