

Senate Resolution 741

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring Willie A. Haslerig, outstanding Georgia citizen; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Willie A. Haslerig has long been recognized as an outstanding community,
4 business, and civic leader with a deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Chickamauga, Georgia, on December 12, 1921, Mr. Haslerig graduated
7 from high school in 1939 and went to work in his father's farming and milk business that
8 served North Georgia and the Greater Chattanooga area; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1949 that family business became the first African American licensed dairy
10 processing plant in Georgia, which they owned and operated for 16 years, and he continued
11 in the dairy industry until retiring in 1984; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been married to his loving wife, Dorothy, for 66 years and they were
13 blessed with four wonderful children; and

14 WHEREAS, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps and continued to serve
15 his community and the state throughout his life, including serving on the Juvenile Court
16 Review, the Walker County Transportation Committee, as board member of the Walker,
17 Dade, Chattooga, Catoosa County Family Crisis Center and Children's Cottage, life member
18 of the Chickamauga Lions Club, founding member of the Walker County Habitat for
19 Humanity, and member of Prince Hall Mason Lodge # 221 and 33rd degree Scottish Rite life
20 member; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Haslerig is the recipient of numerous awards over his many years of public
22 service, including the naming of the activity building in his honor by the Family Crisis Board
23 of Directors, the Tennessee Multicultural Chamber of Commerce Chattanooga

24 Legends-Catalysts for Change Award, and the Walker County Chamber of Commerce
25 Citizen of the Year; and

26 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman is a person of magnanimous strengths, and, by the
27 example he has made of his life and work, he has made our state a better place in which to
28 live.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Willie A. Haslerig for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service and
31 recognize him as an outstanding Georgia citizen.

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 Willie A. Haslerig.