

## Senate Resolution 118

By: Senators Butterworth of the 50th, McKoon of the 29th and Balfour of the 9th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Major Richard "Dick" D. Winters; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of Georgia mourn the loss of one of  
3 this nation's most distinguished citizens and patriots with the passing of Major Richard  
4 "Dick" D. Winters on January 2, 2011; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Major Winters was born on January 21, 1918, in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, a  
6 beloved son of Richard and Edith Winters; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
8 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War  
9 II; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Major Winters commanded Company "E," 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute  
11 Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division and parachuted into Normandy during the early  
12 hours of D-Day to fight his way across France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and into Germany;  
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, while attempting to secure Causeway #2, which linked to Utah Beach, Major  
15 Winters ordered a base-of-fire technique which became a textbook case for assault on a fixed  
16 position and is still taught at West Point Academy today; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades during his military  
18 career, including a Distinguished Service Cross, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and a  
19 Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Major Winters was featured in a number of books and was portrayed in the  
21 2001 HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers* by Damian Lewis; and

22 WHEREAS, Major Winters was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Ethel,  
23 and was blessed with two remarkable children; and

24 WHEREAS, the passing of this highly decorated American hero leaves an unfillable void in  
25 the hearts and lives of his family and friends; and

26 WHEREAS, Major Winters embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
27 something greater than himself and serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom, and it is  
28 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and  
29 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Major Richard "Dick" D.  
32 Winters; commend his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the  
33 citizens of his country; and extend to his family their most profound appreciation for all  
34 members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon  
35 the altar of freedom.

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 the family of Major Richard "Dick" D.  
38 Winters.