

Senate Resolution 806

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Arnold Delano Willingham, Sr.; 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 Arnold Delano Willingham, Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Arnold Delano Willingham, Sr., was born on July 25, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia,
5 a beloved son of David and Fannie Mae Willingham, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom in the United States Army AUS
7 infantry, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans in combat during the
8 Vietnam War from January 9, 1962, to May 7, 1975; and
- 9 WHEREAS, because of his extraordinary service and commitment, he received numerous
10 honors, including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Combat
11 Infantryman's Badge, Expert Rifle (M-14), and National Defense Medal; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was the first African American Supervisor of the Ambulance Department
13 of Grady Memorial Hospital; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Turner High School in 1962; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Arnold Willingham, Sr., was united in love and marriage to Cynthia James
16 Willingham for 20 years, and they were blessed with three remarkable children, Kimberlee,
17 Tambria, and Arnold Willingham, Jr.; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the vital role that
19 he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens
20 of the United States.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join in honoring the life and memory of Arnold Delano Willingham, Sr., and express their
23 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Arnold Delano Willingham,
26 Sr.