

Senate Resolution 953

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Inez Wilder Wheeler Ellis on the occasion of her 100th
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Inez Wilder Wheeler Ellis was born on March 21, 1912, in Fort Valley,
4 Georgia, the beloved daughter of Seaborn E. and Lillian Hartley Wilder; and

5 WHEREAS, she relocated to Perry in 1983, but spent most of her adult life in Fort Valley;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, she was united in marriage to the late D.W. Wheeler and the late A.E. Ellis; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis is blessed with one remarkable daughter, Sara Wheeler Horton, four
9 wonderful grandchildren, seven adored great-great-grandchildren, and 11 loving
10 great-great-great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, she worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company for 35½ years before
12 retiring, co-owned "The Wheel," a restaurant in Fort Valley, and worked for the Bank of Fort
13 Valley; and

14 WHEREAS, she was honored by the Fort Valley American Legion by laying the wreath at
15 the dedication of the new veterans monument in 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Ellis was an active and devoted
17 member of the Perry United Methodist Church where she was in the joy choir, attended
18 Susannah Wesley Sunday School classes, and enjoyed taking trips with the church; and

19 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
20 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and
22 the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, by the example Ms. Ellis has made of her life, she makes this world a better
27 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized
28 during this very special and memorable time of her life.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Ms. Inez Wilder Wheeler Ellis for her unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to
31 the members of her family and the citizens of her community and state, congratulate her on
32 the remarkable occasion of her 100th birthday, and extend their most sincere best wishes for
33 continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Inez Wilder Wheeler Ellis.