

Senate Resolution 1101

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending William H. "Bill" Hecht; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, William H. "Bill" Hecht is a fixture in Washington, D.C., and has made
3 significant and lasting contributions to his church, family, friends, and country; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Tifton, Georgia, Bill earned a Master of Arts degree from
5 Washington University in St. Louis, a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary
6 in St. Louis, and Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Concordia
7 University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as an ordained pastor at Faith Lutheran Church and also taught
9 philosophy at the University of Oklahoma from 1960 to 1967; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Bill accepted the position of executive director of the Republican Party in
11 Missouri in 1967 and moved his family to Jefferson City, where two years later he became
12 special assistant to the president of the American Security Council; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1967, Bill led a group of Missouri Synod Lutheran Church presidents on a
14 worldwide mission, and he and his family moved to Washington, D.C., where he became
15 special assistant to the late Representative Richard Ichord; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 1975, Bill joined the Tobacco Institute where he served as the vice president
17 for legislative affairs until 1981 when he started his own government relations firm called
18 Hecht Spencer and Associates, Inc., with his friend and colleague, Stuart Spencer; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Bill played an active role in both of President Reagan's campaigns and President
20 Bush's 1988 campaign where he served as the congressional liaison for the Bush-Quayle
21 Inaugural Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Susan Vogt and blessed with three
23 remarkable sons, Herbert William II, Timothy Paul, and James Christian, and ten adored
24 grandchildren, Caroline, Rachel, William Herbert III, Robbie, Christian, Danny, Hannah,
25 Sammy, Holly, and Jonathan; and

26 WHEREAS, Bill has received numerous honors, including The Silver Beaver Award for
27 Distinguished Service to Youth from the Boy Scouts of America in 1998, the Honorary
28 Doctor of Laws Award from Concordia University in 2005 and the Distinguished Alumni
29 Award from Concordia Seminary in 2006; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend William H. "Bill" Hecht on decades of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
34 public service and extend their most heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to the
35 United States.

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 William H. "Bill" Hecht.