

Senate Resolution 1245

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and Paris of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Senator Max Cleland on the occasion of his 70th birthday;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Max Cleland was born on August 24, 1942, in Atlanta, Georgia, a
4 beloved son of Hugh and Juanita Cleland; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Stetson University, Senator Cleland went on to be a strong
6 advocate for the men and women of our armed services; and

7 WHEREAS, he is a decorated Vietnam veteran, and on April 8, 1968, Captain Cleland was
8 the Battalion Signal Officer for the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry
9 Division during the Battle of Khe Sanh; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Cleland was injured in battle and was therefore awarded the Silver Star
11 and the Bronze Star for his actions in combat; and

12 WHEREAS, he served in the Georgia State Senate from 1971 to 1975, was an administrator
13 for the United States Veterans Administration from 1977 to 1981, was Georgia's Secretary
14 of State from 1982 to 1996, and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1996 where he served one
15 term; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Cleland has dedicated his entire life in service to the United States of
17 America and the State of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Cleland continues to give inspiration to many through his high ideals,
19 morals, and sense of service, and his resolute courage and strength of will and spirit is a
20 model for all Georgians and Americans; and

21 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
22 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, his underlying loyalty and lasting friendship, and
23 his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and
24 admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Senator Max Cleland for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
29 service to the State of Georgia and his meritorious military service to the United States of
30 America, congratulate him on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and extend to him their
31 sincere best wishes for many more years of continued health and happiness.

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 Senator Max Cleland.