

Senate Resolution 1256

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Bill Donald Wilkinson and Mrs. Dorothy Francis
- 2 Andrews Wilkinson; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of two of its most distinguished citizens
- 4 with the passing of Mr. Bill Donald Wilkinson on June 29, 2003, and Mrs. Dorothy Francis
- 5 Andrews Wilkinson on June 29, 2009; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkinson was born on July 8, 1922, and Mrs. Wilkinson was born on
- 7 August 8, 1924; and

- 8 WHEREAS, they were united in love and marriage on January 15, 1944, and were blessed
- 9 with five remarkable children, Patsy, Evelyn, Deborah, Cynthia, and Aaron; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkinson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
- 11 the United States Army Headquarters and Service Company 163rd Engineer C Battalion
- 12 during Work War II in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and he
- 13 later served as sheriff of Stephens County; and

- 14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilkinson served her country during World War II by making uniforms
- 15 for the soldiers and later worked at Eastanollee Elementary School; and

- 16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Wilkinson was an active member of Tates
- 17 Creek Baptist Church where he served as deacon, Sunday school superintendent and teacher,
- 18 vacation Bible school teacher, lay speaker, and on many committees; and

- 19 WHEREAS, although Mrs. Wilkinson was a lifelong member of Lamar Christian Church,
- 20 she began attending Tates Creek Baptist Church after her union with Mr. Wilkinson; and

21 WHEREAS, their legacy lives on at Tates Creek Baptist Church through their donations of
22 land for expansion of the church and their contribution to make a sign for the church
23 possible; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson gave inspiration to many through their high ideals,
25 morals, and deep concern for their fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and
26 understanding they demonstrated to their family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous couple, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson will long be
28 remembered for their love of family and friendship, and they will be missed by all who had
29 the great fortune of knowing them.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Bill Donald Wilkinson and Mrs. Dorothy
32 Francis Andrews Wilkinson and express their deepest and most sincere regret at their
33 passing.

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 the family of Mr. Bill Donald Wilkinson
36 and Mrs. Dorothy Francis Andrews Wilkinson.