

Senate Resolution 1306

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Golden of the 8th, Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tolleson of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The American Legion on the occasion of its 93rd birthday;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, March 9, 2012, marks the celebration of the 93rd birthday of The American
4 Legion; and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Georgia received its temporary charter on March 19th, 1935,
6 for Frank P. Dorris Post 145; and

7 WHEREAS, charter members at this time were W.O. Carver, James R. Estes, J.L. Dorris,
8 S.G. Baggett, Joe R. Estes, Harold E. Warren, Oscar Woody, C.T. Kilgore, W.L. Bobo, G.P.
9 Gilbert, J.C. Wessinger, Sam B. Estes, H.H. Jay, S.O. Hitchcock, Farris W. Horton, and
10 Floyd House; and

11 WHEREAS, the charters were signed by Department Commander Frank A. Kelly,
12 Department Adjutant George Osborne, National Commander Frank N. Bilgrams, Jr., and
13 National Adjutant Frank E. Samuel; and

14 WHEREAS, the post officers at the time were Commander O.J. Baggett, Adjutant L.E.
15 Adams, Senior Vice Commander T.O. Rainwater, Junior Vice Commanders L.J. Austin and
16 E.E. Hardin, Jr., Finance Officer F.W. Rhodes, Service Officer W.J. Teal, and
17 Sergeant-at-Arms J.H. Sample; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Leonard Santangelo is one of 17 known survivors of Pearl Harbor in the
19 State of Georgia and will receive a Special Recognition Award for his 27 years of service on
20 the executive board of The American Legion Post 145; and

21 WHEREAS, The American Legion focuses on service to veterans, servicemembers, and
22 communities and currently has about 2.4 million members at 14,000 posts worldwide; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 organization be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend The American Legion for its contributions to veterans, servicemembers, and
27 communitites and congratulate it on the occasion of its 93rd birthday.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.