

Senate Resolution 19

By: Senator Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Clarence Williams, Sr., and expressing regrets at his
2 passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most
4 distinguished public servants with the passing of Clarence Williams, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was born on December 12, 1918, the beloved son of Sam and
6 Anna Williams; and

7 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding student at public schools in Appling County, attended
8 State Teachers and Agricultural College in Forsyth, Georgia, graduated from Albany State
9 High School (now Albany State University), and later earned his bachelor of science degree
10 in agriculture from Georgia State College (now Savannah State University); and

11 WHEREAS, he was a true American hero, bravely serving his country with the United States
12 Army in World War II and achieving the rank of staff sergeant; and

13 WHEREAS, he became a native of Baxley, Georgia, moving to Liberty County in 1951 and
14 his dedication to his community was demonstrated by his hard work in many fields,
15 including working as a brick mason, camp manager for the 4-H Club Center, and County
16 Extension Agent for Negro Work; and

17 WHEREAS, he took great pride in mentoring young people and assisting local farmers in
18 upgrading the quality of their products for better marketing; he was referred to as the "Horse
19 Doctor" because he cared for many sick animals before there was a veterinarian in his
20 county; and, after retiring from Extension in 1975, he worked for the Community Block
21 Grant Program, and under his leadership, more than 40 families received free homes or home
22 renovations; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams' love for his community was further demonstrated by his receipt
24 of numerous awards and recognitions, including selection as the grand marshal for the Rev.
25 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., annual parade, designation as an NAACP lifetime member, and
26 having the railroad overpass on U.S. Highway 84 in McIntosh, Georgia, named in his honor;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a devoted husband to his lovely wife Bessie Herbert
29 Williams, a loving father to their four children, Vedelle Williams, Clarence Williams, Jr.,
30 Jacqueline Myles, and Marsha Simmons, and a proud grandfather, great-grandfather, and
31 great-great-grandfather to their 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three
32 great-great-grandchildren; and

33 WHEREAS, he brought the highest standard of excellence along with graceful service to all
34 that he did, and this remarkable gentleman was filled with much strength of character and
35 honor and will long be remembered in the hearts of those who loved him dearly.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join to express their deepest regret at the passing of Clarence Williams, Sr. and extend their
38 sincere condolences to his family.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Clarence Williams, Sr.