

Senate Resolution 76

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Carter of the 1st and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ira S. Womble; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Ira S. Womble on December 10, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ira S. Womble, who resided in Evans County for most of his life, was the
5 beloved son of Ira Womble, Sr., and Tillia Womble; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty when he joined the
7 Georgia State Guard Company E., 17th Battalion during World War II when he was just 13
8 years old, prompting the Senate to recognize him as the youngest person to serve in a time
9 of war since the Civil War; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Womble went on to valiantly and courageous protect his fellow Americans
11 as a member of the National Guard, with the FBI, and as an active duty soldier during the
12 Korean War; beginning in 1962, he served as a Radiological Defense Officer with Civil
13 Defense and traveled to Hiroshima to study the effects of nuclear weapons, and he later
14 returned home to Evans County to assist at his father's bakery and raise his family; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Ira was married to the love of his life, Shirley Womble, and they were blessed
16 with three remarkable children, John, Donna, and Debra, and six grandchildren, three
17 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 21 WHEREAS, a kind and giving man, Ira S. Womble will long be remembered for his love of
22 family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 join in honoring the life and memory of Ira S. Womble and express their deepest and most
25 sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ira S. Womble.