

Senate Resolution 160

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Willie C. Kimbrough; 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 Reverend Willie C. Kimbrough on November 26, 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough was born in Harris County, Georgia, on March 20, 1932,
5 a beloved son of Tommy Lee Kimbrough and Minnie Lee Kimbrough; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended Albany State University, the University of Munich, Germany, from
7 which he graduated with A.D. degrees in accounting and business management, and Gupton
8 Jones College of Mortuary Science in Atlanta, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough was united in love and marriage to Dorothy L.
10 Kimbrough and was blessed with six remarkable children, Clarissa Jones, Willie Kimbrough,
11 Jr., Emmanuel Freeman, Francesta Freeman, Johnny Freeman, and Patrick Kimbrough; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough was the recipient of numerous honors and awards
13 bestowed upon him as a decorated veteran in the United States Armed Forces, including two
14 Purple Hearts in honor of wounds he received in combat during the Korean and Vietnam
15 Wars; and

16 WHEREAS, he was the founder of Kimbrough's Funeral Home and Greater Love Baptist
17 Church in Columbus, Georgia, where he served as pastor; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough was a member of the Masonic Order, Chamber of
19 Commerce, the Controllers Civic and Social Club, in which he served as a chaplain, the
20 Disabled Veterans Association, International Benevolent Society, 555 Parachutist
21 Association and Military Order of the Purple Heart, BI Cities Funeral Association, and the
22 Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, service, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his
25 life, he made this world a better place in which to live.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Willie C. Kimbrough and express their
28 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Willie C.
31 Kimbrough.