

Senate Resolution 352

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Hill of the 6th and Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Captain William C. Wilkerson for his outstanding service with
2 Lassiter-Pope-Kell Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Captain William C. Wilkerson entered the Navy through the Naval Reserve
4 Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program at the University of Mississippi, where he
5 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry/Pre-Med and was commissioned an Ensign
6 in the Naval Reserve on June 4, 1975; and

7 WHEREAS, Captain Wilkerson's initial division officer tours were as G-Division Officer and
8 Weapons Administration Officer onboard USS *Saratoga*, during which he completed two
9 Mediterranean Sea deployments and numerous South Atlantic operations; and

10 WHEREAS, Captain Wilkerson was recalled to active duty in August, 1981, in the Training
11 and Administration of Reserves (TAR) program, during which time he completed one
12 Mediterranean Sea deployment until he was ordered ashore in 1984 and assumed command
13 of Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Amarillo, Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Captain Wilkerson was assigned as Chief of Staff for Commander Naval
15 Reserve Readiness Command Region NINE in Memphis, Tennessee, where he earned a
16 Masters of Science in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas; and

17 WHEREAS, Captain Wilkerson also served as Commanding Officer at the Naval and Marine
18 Corps Reserve Center in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1998 to 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, after his retirement from active duty in 2002, Captain Wilkerson was employed
20 as a Senior Naval Science Instructor for the Forrest City Naval Junior Reserve Officer
21 Training Corps in Forrest City, Arkansas; and

22 WHEREAS, he has also served as a Senior Naval Science Instructor for the young men and
23 women of Lassiter-Pope-Kell Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in Marietta,
24 Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Captain Wilkerson through his dedicated and faithful service, wisdom, passion,
26 and leadership has positively influenced these young men and women with self-confidence
27 and the courage to pursue their goals while instilling personal character qualities of honor,
28 courage, and commitment; and

29 WHEREAS, very few educators daily impact, equip, and change the lives of so many young
30 people, preparing them for life's opportunities and challenges; and

31 WHEREAS, Captain Wilkerson's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service
32 Medal with two Gold Stars, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Armed Forces
33 Expeditionary Medal, and various unit and service awards.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Captain William C. Wilkerson for his outstanding service with Lassiter-Pope-Kell
36 Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Captain William
39 C. Wilkerson and to the LPKNJ ROTC Unit.