

Senate Resolution 603

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William D. "Bill" Green; 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 William D. "Bill" Green on March 6, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bill was born on November 11, 1943, in Tullahoma, Tennessee, and graduated
5 from the University of Tennessee; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
8 Vietnam War; he was a command C-130 pilot and served eight years in active duty from
9 1966-1974, retiring as a full colonel, and he was employed with the Federal Aviation
10 Administration from 1974-2012; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he also served in the Georgia Air National Guard from 1975-1995 and was part
12 of the 165th Air Tactical Unit out of Savannah, Georgia; during his service, he was awarded
13 the Flying Cross, United States Meritorious Service Medal, Georgia National Meritorious
14 Service Medal, Air Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Readiness Medal,
15 National Defense Medal, and numerous other unit medals; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Bill was united in love and marriage to Mary for 43 years and was blessed with
17 three remarkable sons, David, Jeff, and Bob, and two wonderful grandchildren, Clarissa and
18 John David; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bill will long be remembered for his love
26 of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of William D. "Bill" Green and express their deepest
30 and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
33 William D. "Bill" Green.