

Senate Resolution 1090

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Robert Ray Hendrix; 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 Robert Ray Hendrix on September 3, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, he was born on February 2, 1932, a beloved son of Robert and Florrie Hendrix;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army National Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans
8 during the Korean Conflict, retiring in 1992 after serving 42 years and achieving the rank of
9 Command Sergeant Major; and

10 WHEREAS, he was honored as Outstanding Soldier of Georgia through the State Merit
11 System, and he was honored in Washington, D.C., as National Guard Recruiter of the Year
12 for two consecutive years; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Hendrix served in the American Legion for over 60 years in various posts,
14 and he was the only person from Georgia to be nominated and honored as Legionnaire of the
15 Decade; and

16 WHEREAS, he helped organize a bus transport system for veterans needing to visit VA
17 hospitals in Augusta and Dublin and assisted in the proposal, design, and funding of the
18 Flame of Freedom monument at City Hall and the Veterans Memorial monument at the
19 Courthouse Judicial Annex; and

20 WHEREAS, he served in a governor-appointed position on the State Veterans Board through
21 the VA Service Board for three seven-year terms and was also appointed chairman of the
22 State Veterans Board; and

23 WHEREAS, he assisted with Boys State of Georgia, which hosted high school boys to
24 participate in mock government activities, for over 35 years; and

25 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hendrix was an active member of Eastern
26 Heights Baptist Church; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Hendrix was involved in many community organizations, including
28 membership in the Statesboro Shrine Club, 50 years of membership in the Ogeechee Lodge
29 #213 F&AM, and the Masons; and

30 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Mary Jones Hendrix and was blessed with
31 three remarkable children, Mike, Diane, and Jennifer; ten wonderful grandchildren; and nine
32 outstanding great-grandchildren.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Robert Ray Hendrix and express their deepest and
35 most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
38 Robert Ray Hendrix.