

## Senate Resolution 1261

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 6th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Senator Tommie Williams on the grand occasion of his  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Tommie Williams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his  
8 superlative service for District 19 with the Georgia Senate since 1999; and

9 WHEREAS, he was chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and served on the  
10 Appropriations, Judiciary, Reapportionment and Redistricting, and Natural Resources and  
11 the Environment Committees; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Williams's significant organizational and leadership talents, his patience  
13 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
14 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

15 WHEREAS, he began working as a Toombs County onion farmer then earned a bachelor's  
16 degree from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in education from Georgia  
17 Southern University to serve as a public school teacher and also served as a Southern Baptist  
18 International Mission Board missionary in China, Israel, and Belize; and

19 WHEREAS, he currently serves on the Board of the Altamaha Bank of Vidalia and is a tree  
20 and olive farmer in Toombs County; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Senator Williams is an active member of First  
22 Baptist Church in Lyons, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Stephanie and is blessed with three  
24 remarkable children, Emma, Jack, and Madison; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Williams has served with honor with Georgia Senate, and his vision  
26 and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend Senator Tommie Williams for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
31 public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his  
32 retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
33 happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Senator Tommie  
36 Williams.