

Senate Resolution 375

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Franklyn Harvey Geary and recognizing him on the occasion of his 90th
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Franklyn Harvey Geary was born on August 11, 1926, the eldest child of six
4 brothers and four sisters; and

5 WHEREAS, Franklyn's early passion was to be a chef like his brother who served as a chef
6 for President Roosevelt on the Pennsylvania Railroad; however, Franklyn's passion was cut
7 short when he was drafted into the United States Army at the age of 18 years; and

8 WHEREAS, while serving in the Army, Franklyn was assigned to Communication School
9 and placed in a clerical position, where he earned the rank of Sergeant and Acting First
10 Sergeant overseeing more than 1,000 men; and

11 WHEREAS, his service in the United States Army offered the opportunity for Franklyn to
12 travel to several countries, including Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan; and

13 WHEREAS, after his service in the Army ended, Franklyn wanted to continue to serve his
14 country in the military, so he joined the United States Navy Reserve; and

15 WHEREAS, upon finally completing his military duty, Franklyn enrolled in West University
16 State where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration; and

17 WHEREAS, a business venture relocated Franklyn to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1952, and while
18 in Atlanta he was hired to work at the Department of Housing and Urban Development
19 (HUD) where he directed all procurement activities in the regional office; and

20 WHEREAS, he was later promoted to the position of Director of Administrative Services,
21 which served 14 offices throughout the southeast region; and in 1993, Franklyn retired from
22 HUD with 35 years of service; and

23 WHEREAS, Franklyn remains active and involved in his community and serves as a member
24 of Elizabeth Baptist Church with the Door Keepers and Golden Year's missionaries; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of
26 Franklyn Harvey Geary be appropriately recognized on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend and recognize this honorable and distinguished gentleman, Franklyn Harvey
29 Geary, for his dedicated service, leadership, and contributions to our state and country.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Franklyn Harvey
32 Geary.