

Senate Resolution 183

By: Senators McNeill of the 3rd, Rahman of the 5th, Hickman of the 4th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Captain Thornell "T.K." King, Cornell L. Harvey, Johnny
2 Robinson, and Clainetta T. Jefferson for their dedication to the community of Southeast
3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Captain Thornell "T.K." King, Cornell L. Harvey, Johnny Robinson, and
5 Clainetta T. Jefferson have immeasurably contributed to the Southeast Georgia coastal
6 community through their tremendous acts of service; and

7 WHEREAS, Captain Thornell King, otherwise known as "T.K.," is a native of Darien,
8 Georgia, where he was a former standout high school athlete at McIntosh County, and he
9 later attended Morehouse College and played baseball; and

10 WHEREAS, Captain King returned to his alma mater as a coach and teacher and has since
11 served as a Georgia state trooper and devoted his life to serving the people in his community
12 and neighboring counties through his countless acts of kindness and charity; and

13 WHEREAS, Captain Thornell King and his wife, Kim, have one son and continue to give
14 back to those in need and serve as leaders in the coastal Georgia region; and

15 WHEREAS, Cornell L. Harvey has served as the first African American mayor of
16 Brunswick, Georgia, since December 2013 and has led his community through numerous
17 challenges including homelessness, natural disasters, and the tragic death of Ahmaud Arbery;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Cornell L. Harvey attended Glynn Academy High School, from which he
20 graduated in 1971, and he then enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country
21 for 29 years, achieving the highest enlisted rank of chief master sergeant; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Harvey is also a graduate of the University of Maryland and earned a
23 master's degree in public administration from Troy State University; and

24 WHEREAS, Cornell L. Harvey has championed the improvement of Brunswick's most
25 underserved neighborhoods and has broken down a countless number of barriers to expertly
26 lead his community; and

27 WHEREAS, Johnny Robinson bravely served in the United States Army during World War
28 II, a time when many questioned if African Americans were patriotic enough to serve their
29 country, and earned the rank of corporal while serving in an integrated anti-aircraft artillery
30 unit; and

31 WHEREAS, Johnny Robinson was stationed in Pearl Harbor, Camp Stewart, and Camp Bliss
32 and received orders to Okinawa, where he fought in one of the bloodiest invasions of the war
33 and valiantly endured kamikaze attacks, typhoons, and numerous other trials of war; and

34 WHEREAS, Johnny Robinson is the recipient of the World War II Victory Medal,
35 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, sharpshooter badge, and multiple
36 others and serves as a beacon of patriotism within the Camden County community; and

37 WHEREAS, Clainetta T. Jefferson was born in Tallahassee, Florida, and was raised in
38 Albany, Georgia, where she graduated from Westover High School and went on to attend the
39 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), where she earned an
40 undergraduate degree in accounting; and

41 WHEREAS, Clainetta Jefferson moved to Houston and worked as an auditor for Price
42 Waterhouse and the Aramco Services Company and later married a local pastor, Aaron
43 Jefferson Jr., who was an officer in the United States Navy, and they later moved to Parris
44 Island, South Carolina, where she changed her career from business to education and earned
45 a master's degree in education from the University of South Carolina; and

46 WHEREAS, Clainetta Jefferson and her husband have served Naval Submarine Base Kings
47 Bay since 2008, where she now serves as the school liaison officer for the installation and
48 is an educational consultant for military families with students in grades K-12; and

49 WHEREAS, Clainetta Jefferson also earned a graduate degree in education and human
50 development from The George Washington University and has developed programs which
51 directly impact military children in Camden County and across the State of Georgia; and

52 WHEREAS, Clainetta Jefferson has been married for nearly 36 years, is the proud mother
53 of three military children, and is an active member of Kingsland First Baptist Church, while
54 also serving on a host of community boards and committees seeking to better the local
55 community.

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
57 recognize and commend Captain Thornell "T.K." King, Cornell L. Harvey, Johnny Robinson,
58 and Clainetta T. Jefferson for their dedication to the betterment of Southeast Georgia.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
60 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Captain Thornell
61 "T.K." King, Cornell L. Harvey, Johnny Robinson, and Clainetta T. Jefferson.