

Senate Resolution 248

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Willie King Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, Willie King Sr. valiantly and courageously served as a guardian of this nation's
6 freedom and liberty with the United States Army from 1968 to 1970; and

7 WHEREAS, he was deployed to Vietnam in March 1969, where he served as a pathfinder
8 in the 4th Infantry Division and in the 3rd Battalion of the 506th Infantry in the 101st
9 Airborne Division; and

10 WHEREAS, he earned a Bronze Star with a V for Valor for his actions in recovering a
11 helicopter that had been shot down along the Cambodian border, successfully completing his
12 mission despite intense danger and enemy opposition; and

13 WHEREAS, after retiring from the United States Army, he oversaw the expansion of what
14 is now called Willie King's Masonry Company Inc., which employs a crew of 46 and is
15 recognized as one of the largest masonry businesses in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a dedicated member of his community who serves with various veterans
17 organizations and devotes his time to making a differences in the lives of others; and

18 WHEREAS, his commitment to the well-being of his fellow citizens stands as a shining
19 tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper
20 to honor the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of this outstanding American.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize and commend Willie King Sr. for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated service
23 to the State of Georgia and this nation and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
24 health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Willie King Sr.