

Senate Resolution 485

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th, Harbison of the 15th, Williams of the 25th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Clarence "Ed" Barker; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, Clarence "Ed" Barker was born in Augusta, Georgia, and raised in Warner
3 Robins, Georgia, where he demonstrated a strong work ethic from an early age, including
4 operating a gas station while in high school, setting a foundation for his lifelong dedication
5 to his community and family; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Ed dedicated nearly two decades of his life to public service, representing the
7 18th Senatorial District in middle Georgia for nine consecutive terms from 1973 to 1991,
8 during which he worked tirelessly to improve the lives of his constituents and strengthen the
9 State of Georgia; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Ed's leadership extended beyond politics as he served as president of the
11 Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce and the Air Force Association as well as continued
12 to contribute to the growth and prosperity of the community even after his political career;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, after retiring from state politics, Ed and his wife, Janet, moved to Highlands,
15 North Carolina, where they built a successful furniture and decorator showroom for over 20
16 years, demonstrating their entrepreneurial spirit; and

17 WHEREAS, Ed's lifelong commitment to public service and his passion for community
18 engagement were further evident through his active involvement in President Jimmy Carter's
19 campaign and his leadership role in bringing Rev. Billy Graham's series of services to
20 Georgia, enriching the lives of many Georgians; and

21 WHEREAS, Ed's legacy continues through his loving family, including his wife of over 70
22 years, Janet, as well as his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all of whom he
23 deeply cared for and whose lives he touched with kindness, wisdom, and dedication.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Clarence "Ed" Barker and express their deepest and
26 most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
29 Clarence "Ed" Barker.