

Senate Resolution 1085

By: Senators Kemp of the 38th, Harrell of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mangham of the 55th and Payne of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Robert "Bob" Willis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Willis was born in 1926 in Louisville, Kentucky, and this year
3 he enjoys the delightful distinction of celebrating his 100th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in his early adulthood, Robert "Bob" Willis served as a guardian of this nation's
5 freedom and liberty with the United States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his
6 fellow Americans during World War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was initiated into the Beta Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.
8 at Kentucky State University in 1949, and as a college senior, he served as Assistant
9 Regional Vice President for the Midwestern Region and later as District Director of
10 Kentucky; and
- 11 WHEREAS, while working as a federal investigator for the Department of Housing and
12 Urban Development in Atlanta, he served two terms as President of Eta Lambda Chapter,
13 eight years as District Director of Georgia, and then four years as Southern Regional Vice
14 President; and

15 WHEREAS, his exemplary fraternal service has earned him numerous accolades, including
16 the Elmer C. Collins Award, the Regional Administrators Leadership Award, and the Award
17 of Merit, Alpha Phi Alpha's highest honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Willis has reactivated more brothers and ushered in more Life
19 Members than anyone in Alpha Phi Alpha history, has maintained perfect attendance at
20 Regional Conventions, and has missed only two District and six General Conventions since
21 1949; and

22 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided
23 the foundation of success from which his family members have developed and flourished,
24 as evidenced by his two wonderful children, Georgia State Representative Inga S. Willis and
25 Attorney Robert A. Willis Jr.; and

26 WHEREAS, by the example Robert "Bob" Willis has made of his life, he makes this world
27 a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately
28 recognized during this very special and memorable time.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 congratulate Robert "Bob" Willis on the remarkable occasion of his 100th birthday and
31 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Robert "Bob"
34 Willis.