

Senate Resolution 282

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending David Forest Richards, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, David Forest Richards, Jr., is a native of Sedalia, Missouri, and is a World War
3 II and Vietnam veteran. He retired from the United States Army with thirty years of
4 distinguished service. David's awards include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart
5 medals for heroic valor; and

6 WHEREAS, David's accomplishments also include being the first African American in the
7 Parachute Rigger Warrant Officer's Hall of Fame in 1993. He has received honors from the
8 legendary 555th Parachute Infantry Associations, Inc., "Triple Nickels," and the Dodge
9 Award in Fort Lee; and

10 WHEREAS, he was also one of 17 veterans inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall
11 of Fame for his contribution to airborne military operations. David was a charter member of
12 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Savannah Chapter; vice chair of Gateway Behavioral
13 Health Services; and board director of Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum; and

14 WHEREAS, David served on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Observance Day Committee for
15 25 years, 33rd Degree Mason, Allah Temple #6, and Fred W. Dabney Lodge #24, and
16 MWPHGL of Missouri and 39 years as a brother of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize and commend David Forest Richards, Jr., for his manifold contributions to the
19 State of Georgia and the United States.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to David Forest
22 Richards, Jr.