

Senate Resolution 1177

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring Clifford "Barney" Cone; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Clifford "Barney" Cone was born in Fargo, Georgia, in February, 1918, and is
3 celebrating his ninety-sixth birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, Barney and his devoted wife, Louise, recently celebrated the 77th anniversary
5 of their wedding and life together; and

6 WHEREAS, Barney Cone is one of the few presently surviving American heroes who
7 actively participated in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach by the Allied Troops in World
8 War II; and

9 WHEREAS, Barney enlisted in the United States Army in January, 1942, shortly following
10 the Japanese attack on the United States' Fleet at Pearl Harbor, received his basic training at
11 Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, 12th Infantry
12 Regiment, 3rd Battalion. Following completion of his training, Barney served his country
13 in the European theatre and fought with thousands of his fellow American servicemen who
14 braved the D-Day invasion of Omaha Beach and other beaches on the French coast and
15 fought their way through France, Belgium, and across the Rhine River into Germany; and

16 WHEREAS, Barney received several medals for his bravery, his volunteering for
17 assignments which took him behind enemy lines, and his honorable service to his country.
18 Among his medals, Barney received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Expert Rifleman Award
19 and the Good Conduct Award. Barney's service to his country during World War II
20 continued until his honorable discharge in late 1945; and

21 WHEREAS, upon Barney's successful reentry into civilian life in and around Fargo, Georgia,
22 he accepted employment with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Wildlife Ranger for

23 the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and continued in that capacity a total of 27 years
24 until his retirement in the early 1970s; and

25 WHEREAS, following his retirement from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Barney and
26 his wife, Louise, have continued to live honorable and useful lives in their community of
27 Fargo, Georgia.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend and honor Clifford "Barney" Cone for service to his country in the United States
30 Army during World War II, his service in his community of Fargo and to the State of
31 Georgia in helping to make the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge a federal preserve of
32 national interest, and his continued service to his community as a devoted husband and
33 model citizen.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Clifford "Barney" Cone.