

Senate Resolution 147

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Willie Bowman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of beloved peanut and program vendor Mr. Willie Bowman on July 23,
4 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman was famous among the local fans, coaches, and teams who
6 frequented the historic Golden Park and the Columbus Civic Center in Columbus, Georgia,
7 for baseball and hockey games, and his booming voice will long be remembered with great
8 nostalgia as part of the experience of going out to see the Columbus Astros and the
9 Columbus Cottonmouths; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman was united in love and marriage to Pauline Bowman for 56 years
11 and they were blessed with one remarkable daughter, Cynthia Richardson, two cherished
12 granddaughters, and one precious great-grandchild who was born shortly after his passing;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to his renowned charisma and legendary salesmanship as a vendor,
15 Mr. Bowman was also an impressive cook with a sense of adventure as he once spent an
16 entire night cooking a whole hog on a barbecue pit as a favor to one of the owners of the
17 Astros, thereby demonstrating his exemplary willingness to go out of his way to help a
18 friend; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman will be honored on February 2, 2013, at the Columbus
20 Convention and Trade Center for sharing his kind and enthusiastic spirit to enrich the
21 experience of going out to support the team for countless fans; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
23 for integrity, intelligence, service, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his
24 life, he made this world a better place in which to live.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Willie Bowman and express their deepest and
27 most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Willie Bowman.