

Senate Resolution 569

By: Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Eldred Causey on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Eldred Causey was born on February 11, 1924, in Alamo, Georgia, and this
4 year he enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating his 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, young Eldred knew he would serve in the
6 armed forces after high school so he went to the library and researched the different branches
7 and armed with the knowledge he got there, he knew he would volunteer as a naval aviator,
8 and when 66 days later he turned 18, he volunteered as an aviation cadet; and

9 WHEREAS, following flight and combat training he earned his wings in Pensacola Florida.
10 Although he was slated to enter combat in the South Pacific, fate had other plans. When
11 another pilot was injured in auto accident, Lt. Causey's orders were changed to the brand new
12 Naval Air Station Whidbey Island; and

13 WHEREAS, he was assigned to fly the PVI Ventura and PVII Harpoon patrol aircraft. Their
14 mission was to fly antisubmarine patrols in the Pacific Northwest during the war. Although
15 the Japanese did invade and occupy Kiska and Attu on the Aleutian Islands during the war,

16 it is a testament to the success of the pilots at NAS Whidbey Island that Japanese submarines
17 disappeared from the area during Lt. Causey's time in service there; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to patrol flights, Lt. Causey served as a tactical test pilot and was
19 a part of the development of ground control approach; and

20 WHEREAS, at the end of the war, he returned to Georgia to help his parents on their farm,
21 and once back home, he utilized his GI Bill to attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at
22 the University of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, upon graduation, he opened his own veterinary practice in Athens where he
24 raised his son Wayne and daughter Kathy; and

25 WHEREAS, Eldred Causey now lives with his daughter in Rabun County where he remains
26 active in local veterans groups and services; and

27 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Eldred Causey brings joy and happiness to his
28 family and to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing him;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, he has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his lifetime
31 and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good citizenship; and

32 WHEREAS, by the example Eldred Causey has made of his life, he makes this world a better
33 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized
34 during this very special and memorable time.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend Eldred Causey for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service; congratulate him
37 on the remarkable occasion of his 100th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes
38 for continued health and happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Eldred Causey.