

Senate Resolution 608

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bluford Reed Williams for his incredible service in World War II; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bluford Reed Williams was born on September 29, 1917, in Cartersville,
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he earned the
6 prestigious rank of Eagle Scout and was honored with the bronze, silver, and gold palms; and

7 WHEREAS, Bluford Reed Williams valiantly and courageously served his fellow Americans
8 in the United States Army during World War II after enlisting at Fort McPherson in 1941;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, during World War II, he served as a Pathfinder paratrooper with the 101st
11 Airborne Division, 502nd regiment; and

12 WHEREAS, Bluford Reed Williams' plane was the first plane out on D-Day, and he was the
13 fourth paratrooper to jump onto French soil for the Normandy invasion; and

14 WHEREAS, he served in many other important battles, including the Battle of the Bulge and
15 Operation Market Garden, and helped secure Hitler's private residence in Berchtesgaden at
16 the conclusion of World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, he was awarded with numerous medals for his selfless service, including the
18 Bronze Star; and

19 WHEREAS, Bluford Reed Williams bought a farm in Powder Springs, Georgia, upon his
20 return from World War II, and during the day he raised chickens, cattle, and pigs and at night
21 he worked at Lockheed as a mechanic; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bluford Reed Williams is an active member
23 of McEachern Memorial Methodist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Bluford Reed Williams honorably served the State of Georgia and the United
25 States, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished Georgian be
26 appropriately recognized by this body.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Bluford Reed Williams for his incredible service in World War II and
29 subsequently his exemplary life as a citizen of West Cobb County.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bluford Reed
32 Williams.