

House Resolution 1267

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Ralston of the 7th, Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 171st, Carter of the 175th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Senator Saxby Chambliss and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Saxby Chambliss was first elected to Congress to represent Georgia's
4 8th District in 1994 and throughout his legislative career, he has been recognized numerous
5 times by the public and private sectors for his work on agriculture, defense, budget, and
6 national security issues; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Chambliss is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee; the
8 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; the Senate Rules Committee; the
9 Senate Special Committee on Aging; and presently serves as the vice chairman of the Senate
10 Select Committee on Intelligence; and

11 WHEREAS, his leadership and experience on homeland security and intelligence matters
12 during his tenure in the House of Representatives earned him an appointment to the Senate
13 Select Committee on Intelligence, where he steadfastly advocates for dramatically improved
14 information sharing and human-intelligence-gathering capabilities; Senator Chambliss'
15 previous role as chairman of the House Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism and
16 Homeland Security made him one of the leading congressional experts on those issues; and

17 WHEREAS, during the 109th Congress, Senator Chambliss served as chairman of the Senate
18 Agriculture Committee, and is the only senator since 1947 to have chaired a full standing
19 Senate committee after serving in the chamber for just two years; he served as ranking
20 member of the Agriculture Committee during the 110th and 111th Congresses; and

21 WHEREAS, long before his election to Congress, Senator Chambliss specialized in
22 representing farmers' legal interests in South Georgia, and during his four terms in the House,

23 he was instrumental in drafting two farm bills and reforming the federal crop insurance
24 program; and

25 WHEREAS, as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Chambliss
26 continues Georgia's longstanding tradition of leadership and advocacy for the state's military
27 installations, following in the footsteps of former Senators Richard B. Russell, Jr., and Sam
28 Nunn; and

29 WHEREAS, he has been a strong voice for Georgia's defense industry and the military
30 community, and throughout the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round remained
31 steadfast in defense of Georgia's bases targeted for closure; Senator Chambliss has also been
32 a tireless advocate for improving the quality of life for troops and their families; and

33 WHEREAS, in 2008, Senator Chambliss was the recipient of the National Guard
34 Association's Harry S. Truman Award, the organization's highest honor bestowed on civilian
35 and military leaders who demonstrate continued contributions to national defense and
36 security; and

37 WHEREAS, he was named by *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of its "Most Influential
38 Georgians" and in 2009 was named the magazine's "Georgian of the Year"; and

39 WHEREAS, he is the co-chairman of the Senate Aerospace Caucus and the Senate Reserve
40 Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Rural Health Caucus; the Juvenile Diabetes Caucus;
41 the Caucus on Military Depots, Arsenals and Ammunition Plants; the Congressional
42 Sportsmen's Foundation and the Congressional Fire Services Caucus; and

43 WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University
44 of Georgia in 1966 and his law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in
45 1968; Senator Chambliss and his wife, Julianne, have been married since 1966 and reside in
46 Moultrie, Georgia, and have two children and six grandchildren.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
48 the members of this body commend Senator Saxby Chambliss for his service to the State of
49 Georgia and his many accomplishments as a United States senator and invite him to be
50 recognized by the House of Representatives at a day and time to be designated by the
51 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
53 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senator Saxby Chambliss.