

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY SENATORS BARROW AND FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Leon Valdry on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Leon Valdry on his ninetieth birthday.

3 WHEREAS, Leon E. Valdry, a native of Bueche, Louisiana, came from humble  
4 beginnings and has established himself as a real estate icon currently living in Beverly Hills,  
5 California; and

6 WHEREAS, an Army veteran, Leon Valdry graduated from Southern University in  
7 Baton Rouge in 1957 with a degree in engineering; and

8 WHEREAS, Leon Valdry, a philanthropist and the largest donor to his beloved alma  
9 mater, is a longtime supporter of the Southern University College of Business and a member  
10 of the 1880 Society, P.B.S. Pinchback Circle; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2019, Southern University opened the doors to the Valdry Center for  
12 Philanthropy, an academically-based research center focused on philanthropic studies and  
13 nonprofit management; and

14 WHEREAS, the Valdry Center for Philanthropy is the only historically black college  
15 or university philanthropy center in the United States and the center seeks to educate socially  
16 conscious students, volunteers, and practitioners in the emerging field of philanthropic  
17 studies through exploring the economic, historical, and philosophical rationales for voluntary  
18 action in local, national, and international arenas; and

