

Senate Resolution 964

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the birthday and the life of Joyce Welch Gresham; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Joyce Matilda Welch Gresham was born on July 6, 1932; and

3 WHEREAS, as one of eight children, she was raised with a strong family foundation and an
4 unshakeable belief in God; and

5 WHEREAS, soon after graduating from Ballard-Hudson Senior High School at the top of her
6 class, she married her high school sweetheart, Leonard Roger Gresham; and

7 WHEREAS, with her husband, she moved to Catskill, New York, where they began a family
8 of their own; and

9 WHEREAS, the mother of four children—Beverly, Nancy, Melanie, and Leonard, Jr.— she
10 worked full time while being actively involved in her community as a Girl Scout leader, book
11 club member, and a member of the Mount Tabor A.M.E. Zion Church; and

12 WHEREAS, while she has always been admired for her stunning beauty and intelligence, it
13 was her independent and courageous spirit which propelled her to undertake the challenges
14 of single motherhood during a time when such a status was rare; and

15 WHEREAS, she worked for the New York State Division for Youth for 25 years, where she
16 earned certificates as a Childcare Specialist and Group Counselor; and

17 WHEREAS, upon her retirement in 1987, she moved back to the City of Macon, where she
18 resumed her commitment to family, church, and community; and

19 WHEREAS, she is one of the most active, well-known, and respected women in her
20 community, and the good-will she shares is returned to her manyfold.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 honor Joyce Welch Gresham and extend their heartiest congratulations and best wishes on
3 the joyous occasion of her birthday, July 6, 2002.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joyce Welch Gresham.