

Senate Resolution 966

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the exemplary public service career of Lydia Jackson Sartain; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lydia Jackson Sartain was born in Union County, Georgia; graduated from
4 Young Harris College; earned a bachelor's degree from Mercer University; and attained a
5 Juris Doctorate from Mercer in 1984; and

6 WHEREAS, she began the private practice of law with the distinguished firm of Deal and
7 Jarrard where she remained until 1986 when she became the first woman in Georgia elected
8 to the office of solicitor of a state court; and

9 WHEREAS, she was appointed by Governor Zell Miller as director of the Juvenile Justice
10 Coordinating Council and, in 1993, was appointed district attorney for the Northeastern
11 Judicial Circuit; and

12 WHEREAS, she was reelected district attorney in 1994 and 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, she served as president of the Northeastern Bar Association, is a graduate of
14 Leadership Georgia, and a member of the boards of the Georgia Mountains Museum, the
15 Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and member of the Junior League; and

16 WHEREAS, she initiated and fostered the founding of the region's first child advocacy center
17 and served as its chairperson from 1997 to 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, she was appointed by Governor Roy Barnes to the Georgia Board of Public
19 Safety; and

20 WHEREAS, she has been recognized and honored by her peers and community with
21 numerous awards including the "Forty Under Forty" by *Georgia Trend*, the Kiwanis Youth

1 Service Award, the Vocational Service Award of Rotary, the Silver Shovel Award from the
2 Chamber of Commerce, and a room was named in her honor at the Edmondson-Telford
3 Center for Children; and

4 WHEREAS, she returns to the private practice of law with the distinguished firm of Stewart,
5 Melvin, and Frost.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 applaud Lydia Jackson Sartain for her solid record of public service and achievement and
8 commend her aggressive prosecutorial record against criminals.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lydia Jackson Sartain.