

Senate Resolution 980

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Ruth King Stanford; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ruth King Stanford will be long remembered by a broad circle of friends and  
3 by her beloved family who deeply appreciated this lady of substance and charm whose life  
4 influenced countless others and strengthened the quality of their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, she was a native of Atlanta, Georgia, where she met Henry King Stanford as  
6 a youth member of St. Mark's Methodist Church and they both graduated from Emory  
7 University in 1936 and married on September 19th of that year, beginning a wonderful  
8 journey for the next 65 years filled with family life, academics, and international travel; and

9 WHEREAS, her very distinguished husband was the president of three Georgia institutions  
10 of higher education: UGA interim president 1986-1987; Georgia State College for Women  
11 in Milledgeville, 1953-1956; Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, 1948-1950; and  
12 also was President of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Miami; and

13 WHEREAS, Ruth was a keenly intelligent and exceptionally gracious person who brought  
14 a delightful balance to the husband she adored, great stability to her family of four very  
15 fortunate children, and tremendous vitality and sincerity to all who knew her; and

16 WHEREAS, her substantial contributions to her community throughout her life and the  
17 marvelous insight, energy, and compassion she demonstrated in every pursuit made her a  
18 truly remarkable lady whose memory will be cherished forever.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 express regret at the passing of this very distinguished Georgian, Ruth King Stanford, and  
21 convey their sincerest sympathy to the members of her beloved family.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ruth King Stanford.