

Senate Resolution 247

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mrs. Muriel Durley; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Muriel Durley is a wonderful and talented lady who as an educator, a
3 minister's wife, a mother, and grandmother graciously contributes her many gifts in service
4 to those around her; and

5 WHEREAS, she graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, with a B.A. degree
6 in modern foreign languages and later studied at the University of Neuchatel in Switzerland,
7 where she met and befriended her future husband, Gerald Durley; and

8 WHEREAS, after completing her education, she was employed by the Xerox Corporation
9 as its first black customer representative in Manhattan, training and overseeing international
10 accounts; and

11 WHEREAS, after she was married to Gerald Durley, she lived for many years in
12 Washington, D.C., where she raised her two children, Nia and Hasan, and ran her own
13 ceramics business from her home; and

14 WHEREAS, while the family was living in Washington, D.C., Mr. Durley enrolled in the
15 Howard University School of Divinity; and

16 WHEREAS, following the completion of his studies, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where
17 Mrs. Durley happily teaches kindergarten at Oak Knoll Elementary School; and

18 WHEREAS, she is a faithful supporter and partner to her husband in his ministry of the
19 Providence Missionary Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, by example of her humble and gracious submission to life's ever-changing and
21 surprising nature, Mrs. Durley teaches us the way of wisdom and love.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 honor and commend Mrs. Muriel Durley, an outstanding citizen of the State of Georgia.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Muriel Durley.