

Senate Resolution 217

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Jenelsie Walden Holloway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Jenelsie Walden Holloway was born in the early 1920's in Atlanta,
3 Georgia, one of two daughters born to Austin T. Walden, noted civil rights attorney, and
4 Mary Ellen Mossell Denny, a music teacher who was a relative of artist Henry O. Tanner;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, as a student at Spelman College, she worked on the school newspaper staff as
7 a writer and illustrator and was a prize winner in the Negro Annuals, and upon graduation
8 she received a scholarship aid grant to pursue graduate work at the Chicago Art Institute; and

9 WHEREAS, in Chicago, the Atlanta native experienced her first truly integrated
10 environment, and for the first time she was able to interact with an exciting group of talented
11 artists, teachers, and students of different races and cultures; and

12 WHEREAS, after receiving a degree from the Art Institute of Chicago, she chaired the Art
13 Department at Prairie View College in Texas, and later the Art Department at Dillard
14 University in New Orleans; and

15 WHEREAS, she then became instructor and chairperson of the Spelman College Art
16 Department, where she replaced her sister, Austella Walden, who left Atlanta to pursue
17 advanced study, and Ms. Holloway remained at Spelman for 38 years, serving as chairperson
18 for two periods, 1952 - 1963 and then 1982 - 1990; and

19 WHEREAS, she has enjoyed a long life in the arts as a creative artist as well as a dedicated
20 teacher and has inspired countless young people to become artists, arts educators, gallery
21 owners, and art collectors; and

1 WHEREAS, she has been active in many arts activities, and she was a founder of Black
2 Artists Atlanta and a member of both the National Black Arts Festival and the Arts Festival
3 of Atlanta.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 honor and commend Ms. Jenelsie Walden Holloway for her many years of dedicated service
6 and for her many accomplishments and achievements.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Jenelsie Walden Holloway.