

## Senate Resolution 244

By: Senators Thomas of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Squires of the 5th and Thomas of the 2nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Annie Johnson Brye for her remarkable life in the face of seemingly  
2 overwhelming odds; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Johnson Brye was born on August 31, 1898, the granddaughter of  
4 slaves who worked in the Alabama cotton fields from sunup to sundown, lived in a cabin  
5 with no plumbing or electricity, and washed clothes in an iron pot with homemade lye soap;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brye graduated from Alabama State College in Montgomery and began  
8 a teaching career of 35 years providing a positive role model to her many students and  
9 encouraging them to look for ways to overcome their obstacles; and

10 WHEREAS, she was active in community affairs throughout her life, worked as a supervisor  
11 for a community action program after she retired as a teacher, and taught adult education  
12 classes until she was 93; and

13 WHEREAS, she was recently featured in an article by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* about  
14 successful centenarians; and

15 WHEREAS, Senior Week at the capitol has been established to recognize the valuable  
16 contributions older Georgians have made to our state and will be observed the week of  
17 March 3-7, 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Aging has chosen to honor Mrs. Brye as a  
19 Distinguished Senior Georgian of 2003 in recognition of her contributions to her community  
20 and state and the positive role model she represents for young and old alike.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize and commend Mrs. Annie Johnson Brye for her dedication and public service as  
3 a Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2003.

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 Mrs. Annie Johnson Brye.