

Senate Resolution 857

By: Senators Levetan of the 40th, Adelman of the 42nd, Clay of the 37th, Brown of the 26th, Reed of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Eva Geiringer Schloss; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the remarkable Eva Geiringer Schloss was born in Austria in 1929; and
- 3 WHEREAS, when the German Army invaded Austria, she and her family became refugees
4 and fled to Amsterdam; and
- 5 WHEREAS, while living in Amsterdam, she became friends with Anne Frank; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Eva and her family went into hiding from the Nazis until they were betrayed
7 and arrested on Eva's 15th birthday and she was sent to Auschwitz; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she endured the daily degradation and brutalities of a concentration camp
9 existence that robbed many of their lives; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Eva's father and brother were murdered in the Holocaust; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she and her mother were liberated from Auschwitz by the Russian Army; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after the war, her mother married Otto Frank, the father of Anne Frank, who
13 lost his wife and two daughters in the Holocaust and he became Eva's stepfather; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Eva married and moved to London where she currently lives; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Eva Schloss has traveled through the State of Georgia speaking to over 90,000
16 students and thousands of adults about the dangers of unchecked prejudice and hate and has
17 written an account of her struggle during the Holocaust in her book entitled *Eva's Story*; and

1 WHEREAS, the play based on Eva's life, called *And Then They Came For Me* has been
2 presented by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust and the Georgia Ensemble Theater
3 in the cities of Augusta, Brunswick, Calhoun, Carrollton, Columbus, Jefferson, Gainesville,
4 Atlanta, and Roswell; and

5 WHEREAS, Eva Schloss continues to return to the State of Georgia to help educate
6 Georgia's children and citizens about the perils of discrimination, stereotyping, and racism.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 honor the courageous life and struggle of Eva Geiringer Schloss and commend her for her
9 efforts to educate Georgians against the evils of racism and hate.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Eva Geiringer Schloss.