

Senate Resolution 900

By: Senators Thomas of the 2nd and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Ms. Gwendolyn Goodman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the City of Savannah and the State of Georgia have lost one of their finest
3 educators, citizens, community leaders, and city councilmembers with the passing of Ms.
4 Gwendolyn Goodman on March 5, 2004; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree from Savannah State College and
6 Master of Education degree from South Carolina State College; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at Johnson High
8 School and she served as deputy superintendent and interim school superintendent for the
9 board of education; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was the first African American STAR teacher in the State of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was a three-term member of the Savannah City Council; a member of the
12 first city council headed by an African American mayor; a Grand Marshal of the 1997 Martin
13 Luther King, Jr., parade; and a candidate for the office of mayor; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she was awarded the Arthur A. "Don" Mendonsa Lifetime Achievement Vision
15 Award by the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures, received the Economic Opportunity
16 Authority's Earl M. Jones Award, and was a 2004 Black Heritage Festival honoree.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 remember and honor the triumphant life, leadership, and spirit of Ms. Gwendolyn Goodman
19 and express their deepest and sincerest condolences to her family.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Gwendolyn Goodman.