

Senate Resolution 956

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Zelma Brewton Keels on her 100th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Zelma Brewton Keels was born in Glennville, Georgia, on January 29, 1904,
3 to her loving parents, John Martin and Miley Metella Brewton; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she attended Glennville High School and at the age of 17 graduated from the
5 First District A&M School in Statesboro; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she became an educator, taking a job at the Cherry-Grove School before
7 moving on to teach in Montgomery County and finally returning to Glennville where she
8 would serve as principal of the Beards Creek School; and
- 9 WHEREAS, wanting a job that paid her 12 months out of the year instead of nine, Zelma left
10 teaching and enrolled at Draughn's Business College in Savannah and, upon her graduation,
11 began a new career in business; and
- 12 WHEREAS, while working at a Chevrolet dealership in Baxley, Georgia, she met the love
13 of her life and future husband, Hamilton Keels, and together they shared a love for their two
14 children, Austin and Ann; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she has worked as a stockyard and auction house bookkeeper and is an
16 experienced businesswoman having been the owner and operator of an insurance agency, a
17 Merle Norman Studio, and the Glennwanis Hotel; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she now resides in the very house in which she was raised as a child on John M.
19 Brewton Road in Glennville and has spent the last 20 years blissfully watching her
20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 recognize Zelma Brewton Keels on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

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 Zelma Brewton Keels.