

Senate Resolution 1108

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Thompson of the 33rd, Brown of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Adelman of the 42nd, Zamarripa of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Nadine Thomas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Nadine Thomas served with unparalleled ability as a member of the
3 House of Representatives for one term, and since 1992, as the first African American woman
4 elected as a member of the Senate; and

5 WHEREAS, this registered nurse is a dynamic and powerful public servant who has
6 faithfully represented the citizens of DeKalb and Henry counties with great distinction,
7 dedication, and ability; and

8 WHEREAS, her consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this
9 deliberative body and her integrity and reliability have rightfully earned her the honor,
10 respect, and trust of her colleagues over the years and were recognized by the leadership of
11 this body and properly reflected in her committee responsibilities which included serving as
12 secretary of the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee and as a
13 member of the Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee, the Senate Appropriations
14 Committee, the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee, and the Senate Rules
15 Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, in her legislative committee assignments, she consistently demonstrated a solid
17 commitment to the careful study of sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly
18 developed a reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by
19 the rules of honesty and fair play; and

20 WHEREAS, she exhibited the level of political activism and unselfish leadership ideally
21 expected of public trustees in an effective, representative democracy, and her stewardship
22 in the Senate has been marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

1 WHEREAS, her creative leadership and her thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex
2 social and political matters, and especially her ability to work behind the scenes and build
3 coalitions and consensus, have received the approval and applause of her peers who hold her
4 in such high regard; and

5 WHEREAS, her foresight and forthright determination have brought unparalleled progress
6 and a sense of destiny to the citizens of her district and the State of Georgia and it is
7 abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body, most especially those to whom
8 she so freely imparted advice, encouragement, and friendship and who regard her with much
9 admiration and respect, pay appropriate tribute to one of their finest and most distinguished
10 colleagues for the many years of impartial, well-reasoned, and enlightened service she has
11 rendered on behalf of this state and its citizens.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
13 unanimously honor and commend their most outstanding colleague, Honorable Nadine
14 Thomas, for her personal and political influence in supporting legislation which has
15 substantially improved the quality of life for our citizens and contributed to Georgia's
16 leadership role in the South, commend her for serving as an unmatched example of
17 enlightened government and statesmanship, and wish her every success in all her future
18 endeavors.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Nadine Thomas.