

Senate Resolution 317

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jeanne Scher as the Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2005; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jeanne Scher was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on May 3, 1919, and has a
4 long history of advocacy beginning in her early years living in Connecticut and New York,
5 where she advocated for additional schools in her community and for programs designed for
6 learning disabled children; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1979 she and her husband moved to Atlanta, where she became the director
8 of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Dekalb County and organized an older
9 women's conference with Mercer University and was also employed by the Atlanta Regional
10 Commission, where she organized the first job fair for older workers attended by over 1,000
11 people; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Scher is best known for her work with the Older Women's League (OWL)
13 and her advocacy for older women, serving as a charter member of the national organization
14 and founder of the Atlanta chapter, working tirelessly as president and executive director for
15 the local chapter and as a member of the national board of directors; and

16 WHEREAS, she is a founder of the Women's Health Coalition and a charter member of the
17 Long Term Care Coalition, obtaining grants for OWL to train volunteers about the
18 importance of breast self-examination and mammography and advocating for universal
19 health care, prescription drug coverage, bone density screening for osteoporosis, and
20 long-term care; and

21 WHEREAS, she has always been concerned about elder abuse and secured a grant to train
22 volunteers to speak about this issue to make people more aware of the problem of elder
23 abuse; and

1 WHEREAS, she is actively working in her senior community planning educational programs
2 on relevant issues and encouraging the residents to vote; and

3 WHEREAS, Senior Week at the Capitol has been established to recognize the valuable
4 contributions older Georgians have made to our state and will be observed the week of
5 February 28-March 4, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Aging has chosen to honor Ms. Scher as the
7 Distinguished Senior Georgian of 2005 in recognition of her contributions to her community
8 and state and the positive role model she represents for young and old alike.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 recognize and commend Ms. Jeanne Scher as the Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2005.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Jeanne Scher.