

Senate Resolution 498

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey for excellence in the field of public  
2 health; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a graduate of Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health,  
4 Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey served for three years as clinical director of the Kotzebue Service  
5 Unit with the Indian Health Service in Northwest Alaska before being selected as a Pew  
6 Health Policy Research Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco in 1985; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Toomey subsequently joined the Division of STD/HIV Prevention of the  
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and, in 1991, she served as a legislative assistant  
9 on health issues for U.S. Senator John Chafee, helping to shape national public health policy;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, through the course of her distinguished career, Dr. Toomey has made many  
12 outstanding contributions to the field of public health, especially in the areas of women's  
13 health, health services in underserved areas, and the epidemiology and prevention of STDs  
14 and HIV/AIDS, for which she has been recognized by numerous eminent awards and the  
15 highest esteem of her colleagues; and

16 WHEREAS, her intelligence, expertise, and exceptional leadership skills did not go  
17 unnoticed within the Georgia Division of Public Health, and Dr. Toomey was named  
18 Director of the Division of Public Health, Georgia Department of Human Resources in 1997  
19 and was appointed to serve on Georgia's Homeland Security Task Force by Governor Roy  
20 Barnes in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, in these positions, Dr. Toomey has dedicated herself to protecting the health of  
22 the citizens of Georgia and has been a determined advocate for the collaboration of public  
23 health and law enforcement officials to promote homeland security, a service which merits  
24 the state's highest thanks and commendation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join in recognizing Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey and expressing sincere gratitude for her many  
3 contributions to the State of Georgia and the health and safety of its citizens.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey.