

Senate Resolution 705

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon Passmore; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon Passmore was born in Cordele, Georgia, and lived
4 in Savannah most of her life; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Passmore enjoyed a loving marriage to the late Mr. Alvin Passmore,
6 whom she wed on May 5, 1945, in Zebulon, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, on September 7, 1955, Mrs. Passmore began working as a School Crossing
8 Guard for the City of Savannah, becoming one of the first five black women to work as
9 crossing guards for Savannah Public Schools, a group known as the "Fabulous Five"; and

10 WHEREAS, working as the crossing guard for Robert W. Gadsden Elementary School, Mrs.
11 Passmore was responsible for the safety of hundreds of children and faithfully served in this
12 position for 22 years until her retirement in 1977; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Passmore was very active during the initial phase of the civil rights
14 movement in Savannah, becoming a member of the NAACP and marching the streets of
15 Savannah with the likes of Mr. W. W. Law and other prominent civil rights leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, she was very involved in the P.T.A. of Gadsden Elementary School, serving as
17 its first president, and was a faithful member of Thankful Missionary Baptist Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Passmore was preceded in death by her husband and by her beloved sons
19 Alvin Gene Passmore and Wendell Bruce Passmore, and she is survived by a loving and
20 devoted family, including one son, Ralph N. Passmore; three daughters, Brenda F. Smart,
21 Catherine R. Denny, and Gwendolyn P. Sheppard; two sisters, Gladys L. Quarterman and
22 Dorothy Gray Payne; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a most estimable citizen on January 15, 2006, with the
2 passing of Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon Passmore.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon
5 Passmore and extend their most sincere condolences to her family.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Passmore.