

Senate Resolution 1112

By: Senator Miles of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, during the course of her highly eventful life, Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy has
3 touched countless lives throughout the world with her message of hope, empowerment, and
4 justice; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Uniontown, Alabama, Mrs. Abernathy received her elementary and
6 high school education from the famed boarding school, Selma University, and later received
7 a Bachelor of Science in business education from Tennessee State University; and

8 WHEREAS, she is a former high school teacher and a successful businesswoman who for
9 nearly two decades served as a senior sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics; and

10 WHEREAS, as the widow of Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, the closest associate to Dr.
11 Martin Luther King, Jr., Mrs. Abernathy has lived through many trying ordeals, including
12 the bombing of her home and the numerous arrests of her husband, that she always handled
13 with the utmost courage, grace, and determination; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Abernathy's involvement with the civil rights movement has taken her all
15 over the globe as she has fervently worked to promote liberty and equality for all individuals
16 in the United States and abroad; and

17 WHEREAS, she continues to be very active in the community through her work with a
18 number of civic and religious organizations, including as a member and secretary of the
19 Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, as a member and
20 treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Fulton County Development Authority, and as a
21 member of the Board of Trustees of the Morehouse School of Religion, the Board of
22 Directors of the Atlanta-Fulton County League of Women Voters, the Citizen Panel Review

1 Board for the Development of Family and Children Services, and the Board of Directors for
2 the Ralph David Abernathy Towers and Ralph David Abernathy Foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2006, is set aside to celebrate and honor
4 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and
5 nation, it is only fitting and proper that Mrs. Abernathy be recognized at this special time.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 join in commending Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy on her lifetime of brave and noble service
8 to humanity and thank her for her many outstanding contributions to Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy.