

Senate Resolution 1198

By: Senator Miles of the 43rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Gretchen and William Winfield; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, few Georgians have done more to help children in need of love and care than  
3 Gretchen and William Winfield, who have opened their homes and their hearts to over 50  
4 foster children; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Winfield has desired to be a foster mother for much of her life, motivated  
6 by her own childhood experience of being placed in a foster home along with her brother  
7 while their father served overseas; and

8 WHEREAS, she later met and married Mr. Winfield, who was also ready and willing to  
9 become a foster parent; and

10 WHEREAS, together, this extraordinary couple has fostered 54 children through Families  
11 First, a nonprofit agency in Atlanta, has adopted three of their foster babies, and is in the  
12 process of adopting a fourth; and

13 WHEREAS, thanks to their compassion, generosity, and loving and caring spirits, Mr. and  
14 Mrs. Winfield have touched the lives of so many of Georgia's children, and their selfless and  
15 dedicated service as foster parents is truly an inspiration to all.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 join in commending Mr. and Mrs. Winfield for their many years of tireless service as foster  
18 parents and thank them for their impressive and inspiring commitment to children in Georgia.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Winfield.