

Senate Resolution 1213

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Dr. Willie Grier Todd; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on February 28, 2006, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
3 distinguished citizens with the passing of Dr. Willie Grier Todd at 97 years of age; and
- 4 WHEREAS, known by many as the "Matriarch of Guyton," Dr. Todd received her Ph.D. in
5 history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, served as educational director
6 for the Griffin Baptist Church, and was active in the Baptist Association; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was a charter member of the Pine Street Baptist Church of Guyton and was
8 a very active civic leader in Effingham County, and especially her hometown of Guyton; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd taught at Tift College and then Georgia Southern College in
10 Statesboro, where she retired in 1976; and
- 11 WHEREAS, prior to her college teaching career, she taught school in Pineora, Tusculum and
12 Guyton Academy and High School in Springfield; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as a strong advocate for historical preservation, Dr. Todd was instrumental in
14 founding the Effingham County and Guyton Historical societies as well as the Annual
15 Guyton "Tour of Homes," which is held in December of each year; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd was active in getting Guyton designated as a national historic district;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Todd was a woman of many talents as evident by her writing of the alma
19 mater for Effingham County High School and the beautiful gardens she maintained; and

1 WHEREAS, the passing of this great Georgian leaves an unfillable void in the hearts and
2 lives of her family and friends who will miss her amazing energy, her great sense of civic
3 responsibility, her phenomenal ability to make everyone she met feel special, and most of all
4 her love and support.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Dr. Willie Grier Todd, a great
7 woman, educator, and civic leader.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Willie Grier Todd.