

Senate Resolution 1246

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Brenda Wood; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Brenda Wood, an anchorwoman for 11Alive News, is one of Atlanta's most  
3 trusted and beloved television journalists; and

4 WHEREAS, a summa cum laude graduate of Loma Linda University in Southern California,  
5 Ms. Wood began her broadcast career in 1977 at WAAY-TV in Huntsville, Alabama, where,  
6 after briefly leaving the station to work at WSM-TV in Nashville, Tennessee, she became an  
7 anchor; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Wood later spent eight years as an anchor for WMC-TV in Memphis,  
9 Tennessee, before moving to Atlanta and joining the news team at WAGA-TV in 1988; and

10 WHEREAS, the primary anchor for WAGA-TV for more than eight years, Ms. Wood joined  
11 the 11Alive News Team in September, 1997, and today anchors the station's weekday  
12 broadcasts at 6, 7, and 11 p.m.; and

13 WHEREAS, during the course of her distinguished career, Ms. Wood has gained the respect  
14 and admiration of viewers in every market she has served and has received numerous  
15 accolades, including 13 Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and  
16 Sciences, five awards from the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists, and two awards  
17 from the Georgia Association of Broadcasters; and

18 WHEREAS, she has also received the NAACP's Phoenix Award for "Best News Anchor"  
19 and received the National Association of Black Journalists award for Community Affairs  
20 Programming for co-producing and hosting "Journeys with Brenda Wood," among many  
21 other recognitions; and

1 WHEREAS, outside of her demanding career, Ms. Wood, a devoted wife and mother of two,  
2 is a faithful member of her church and an active member of the Atlanta community who  
3 takes time to speak to school groups, church congregations, and civic organizations on a  
4 variety of subjects, including journalism and the importance of education; and

5 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2006, is set aside to celebrate and honor  
6 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and  
7 nation, it is only fitting and proper that Ms. Wood's invaluable contributions to journalism  
8 be appropriately recognized during this special time.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
10 join to commend Ms. Brenda Wood for her outstanding efforts to keep the residents of  
11 Atlanta knowledgeable and informed and to thank her for her many contributions to Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Brenda Wood.