

Senate Resolution 1262

By: Senators Miles of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Thomas of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Nellie Duke, a distinguished Georgian, for her pioneering efforts in the
- 2 women's rights movement; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Georgia native Nellie Duke is a leading figure in the enduring struggle for equal
- 4 rights for women, devoting her life to forging a more free and just world; and
- 5 WHEREAS, throughout her lifelong service to women's issues, Nellie Duke has devoted
- 6 herself to the prevention of violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and rape and has also provided
- 7 strong leadership in the tireless fight against osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease, and teen
- 8 pregnancy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in the late 1970s and early 1980s she worked for the ratification of the Equal
- 10 Rights Amendment and today continues to struggle for women's rights focusing on garnering
- 11 public and political support for issues surrounding child care for working mothers, equality
- 12 of pay for women, and recognition of the achievements of women; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she is a true community leader and she gives generously of her time and talent
- 14 as demonstrated by her service on numerous committees and associations such as the Council
- 15 on Child Abuse, Family Connections, Women's Leadership Forum, the NAACP, and the
- 16 League of Women Voters; she has also served as president of the American Legion Auxiliary
- 17 and United Methodist Women, chief executive officer of the Georgia Commission on
- 18 Women, and state committee member of the Women's Vote Project; helped found the West
- 19 Georgia Women's Forum and the Georgia Women's Alliance; and serves on the advisory
- 20 committees for the Institute for Women's Policy Research and Georgia Coalition of Black
- 21 Women as well as the boards of *Today's Atlanta Woman* magazine, Southwire Company,
- 22 and Possible Woman Enterprises; and
- 23 WHEREAS the high esteem in which her colleagues hold her is demonstrated by her receipt
- 24 of numerous awards such as the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Community Service

1 Award, American Association of University Women Award, League of Women Voters
2 Award, and Georgia Federation of Women´s Clubs Award; and she was also appointed to
3 the advisory boards of the Rollins School of Public Health at the Emory University School
4 of Medicine and the Task Force for Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease at the Georgia
5 Department of Public Health; and

6 WHEREAS, Nellie Duke´s tireless commitment to justice and equality has changed the lives
7 of countless American women, helping to guarantee women rights and freedoms they may
8 not have otherwise had; and

9 WHEREAS, as Women´s History Month, March, 2006, is set aside to celebrate and honor
10 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and
11 this nation, it is only fitting and proper that Nellie Duke be recognized on this highly
12 significant occasion.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
14 join in commending Nellie Duke for her exemplary public service to the State of Georgia and
15 in extending their sincere best wishes for her continued success.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
17 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Nellie Duke.