

Senate Resolution 348
By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Mattie Green Bennefield as she celebrates her 100th birthday; and for other
- 2 purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Mattie Green Bennefield was born March 18, 1907, in the rural area of Millen,
- 4 Georgia; her parents were Lettie and Walter Green, Sr., and she was the oldest of five
- 5 brothers and three sisters; and

- 6 WHEREAS, as Mattie grew up on the farm, she was taught to be a lady, to go to church, and
- 7 to follow the Golden Rule, and that is exactly what she did; and

- 8 WHEREAS, she spent her adult life in Burke County in the Midville Community where she
- 9 met her husband, "Mr. Homer" Bennefield, as she's referred to him since their courtship
- 10 days, and he, like her father, was a farmer; and

- 11 WHEREAS, they lived in Burke County during the Great Depression and had one daughter,
- 12 Gladys Bennefield Turner, two grandsons, five great-grandchildren, and six
- 13 great-great-grandchildren, and Mattie has always loved children; and

- 14 WHEREAS, the family doctor made house calls, and Dr. Bent often praised Mattie and said
- 15 she had the cleanest and best kept house in the community; and

- 16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bennefield says, "It's been a simple life" and that living on the farm
- 17 helped make her the lady she is today; and

- 18 WHEREAS, she joined Robinson Grove Baptist Church at an early age and later moved her
- 19 membership to Straight Gate Church of God where she served until moving to Azalealand,
- 20 and she is now a member of Cornwall Church of God; and

1 WHEREAS, her hobbies include cooking, growing flowers, reading her Bible, canning, and
2 making quilts, and she was involved with Senior Citizens where she made many quilts and
3 other items, and in 2003, she made 20 quilts; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bennefield has adjusted to life at Azalealand and gives God thanks for
5 having a long life, and she has said that the staff treats her like royalty, and her family is
6 grateful for that; and

7 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to honor this simple and humble lady on the occasion of her
8 100th birthday.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 honor Mattie Green Bennefield as she celebrates the milestone of her 100th birthday and
11 send their wishes for continued good health and prosperity.

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 Mattie Green Bennefield.