

Senate Resolution 526

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Gladys Lynes Hamilton Blue; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gladys Lynes Hamilton Blue was born in Dale, South Carolina, on March 25,
3 1907; and

4 WHEREAS, she was the youngest daughter of sharecropper John Hamilton and housewife
5 Essie Hamilton; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton had five children and moved their family to
7 Coosawatchie, South Carolina, where Gladys and her brothers and sisters started their
8 education, walking many miles to school, fishing in the Coosawatchie River, and taking care
9 of each other; and

10 WHEREAS, she married Albert Blue on March 16, 1933, and moved with her young family
11 to Savannah, Georgia, where Gladys worked for lawyer Lawton Calhoun for 40 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Gladys became a member of First Bryan Baptist Church, the oldest African
13 Baptist Church in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Gladys helped her sister, Anne Mae, and her daughter, Katherine, when she
15 became sick, assisting them in moving to Savannah and adopting Katherine upon Anne
16 Mae's death; and

17 WHEREAS, Gladys and Albert had six more wonderful children and continued to live in
18 Savannah; and

19 WHEREAS, their children went to war, continued their education, married, and had their
20 own children; and

1 WHEREAS, Gladys continues to live in Savannah where she is deeply cherished by her 16
2 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren and continues to
3 attend historic First Bryan Baptist Church where she is one of the oldest members; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Blue is an extraordinary woman of magnanimous strengths with an
5 unimpeachable reputation for integrity and compassion, and it is abundantly fitting and
6 proper for this body to recognize this distinguished Georgian.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 recognize Gladys Lynes Hamilton Blue for her extraordinary life and extend to her their most
9 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gladys Lynes Hamilton Blue.