

Senate Resolution 927

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Carter of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Bertie Mae Garrett as the Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2008; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae Garrett was born May 27, 1917; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae Garrett was recognized by Middle Georgia College as an
5 Associate Professor Emerita of Business Education in 2002-2004, having retired from
6 teaching in 1983; and

7 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from
8 Georgia College and her Doctor of Education degree from the University of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae was married to the late Ralph Garrett and has lived in Dodge
10 County most of her life; and

11 WHEREAS, she has influenced the lives of many Dodge County residents, serving as a
12 member of the Hospital Auxiliary, managing the Lifeline Assistance program for the
13 Eastman Pilot Club, volunteering with the ombudsman program, as well as working with
14 numerous other organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae was a teacher at Old Dodge High School, imparting wisdom
16 and positive values to all of the many students who were in her classes and who benefitted
17 from her teaching; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae is active in Zebulon Baptist Church and has demonstrated her
19 passion for mission work as a generous supporter of missions throughout the Southern
20 Baptist Convention, in which there are numerous scholarships founded in her name at various
21 schools; and

1 WHEREAS, she has received many honors for her volunteer services and for serving in the
2 Peace Corps and traveling throughout the world; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae is an active, vibrant volunteer for the Heart of Georgia
4 Altamaha Community Action Agency Ombudsman Program; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae has published two books, *Chug Chug Lady from Georgia* and
6 *Gathering Jewels*, chronicling her adventures around the world in 990 days as a 48 year old
7 Peace Corps volunteer and her subsequent 34 years as a summer missionary to 37 countries;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Bertie Mae has lived her lifelong motto, "Service is the rent we pay for the
10 space we occupy"; and

11 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
12 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example she has made of her life,
13 she makes this world a better place to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be
14 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body heartily
16 commends Ms. Bertie Mae Garrett for her unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the
17 members of her community and state and extends to her its most sincere best wishes for
18 continued health and happiness.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Bertie Mae Garrett.