

Senate Resolution 1389

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Sims of the 12th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Women's Institute's founding member Dr. Mary Lou
2 Bryant Frank; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
5 to the needs of women and families; and

6 WHEREAS, a founding member of the Georgia Women's Institute, Dr. Frank serves with
7 honor and distinction as the organization's vice chairperson; and

8 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Women's Institute is to bring together women to
9 endorse and support women's leadership and educational programs, develop and disseminate
10 research, secure funds to support core issues for women and families in Georgia, and provide
11 information, training, and advocacy; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Women's Institute focuses on issues such as health and wellness,
13 violence, education, employment, economic opportunities, discrimination in all its forms,
14 sexual harassment, social issues, and honoring accomplishments of Georgia women; and

15 WHEREAS, a licensed psychologist, Dr. Frank earned degrees in speech communication,
16 counseling, and psychology from Colorado State University and conducted a doctoral
17 internship at the University of Delaware; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank lectures nationally and internationally on first year programs, learning
19 communities, student success, women in higher education, ethics, leadership, and faculty
20 development; and

21 WHEREAS, she coordinated the eating disorders treatment program and team,
22 co-coordinated the master's and doctoral practicum training programs, and taught a graduate
23 program in counseling at Arizona State University; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank has served as associate professor and assistant academic dean at the
25 University of Virginia, professor and head of the Psychology and Sociology Department at
26 North Georgia College and State University, and dean of undergraduate studies at Kennesaw
27 State University; and

28 WHEREAS, she has served as president of the Georgia Association for Women in Higher
29 Education and has been recognized with a Distinguished Provider Award in Counseling; and

30 WHEREAS, her selfless service to the women and families of Georgia serves as a shining
31 example of volunteerism and her leadership and vision inspire her community, colleagues,
32 and peers; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
34 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank for her vision, sacrifice, and foresight in founding the
37 Georgia Women's Institute and commend her years of dedicated service to Georgia's women
38 and families.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank.