

Senate Resolution 1390

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 35th and others

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Women's Institute's founding member Ms. Linda  
2 Torrence; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, a founding member of the Georgia Women's Institute, Ms. Torrence serves with  
7 honor and distinction as the organization's treasurer; 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, currently the Director of Community Affairs with FOX 5 Atlanta television,  
16 Ms. Torrence is an executive with broad management experience in marketing and  
17 communications, strategic planning, and human resources; and

18 WHEREAS, her leadership and vision have been instrumental on numerous boards,  
19 including the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the  
20 American Heart Association, and Grady Heath Systems Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, she is active with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta, Emory University  
22 Rollins School of Public Health, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, and  
23 Georgia's Commission on Women; and

24 WHEREAS, a graduate of Arkansas Baptist College, Ms. Torrence is united in love and  
25 marriage to her husband, Joseph Phillips, and she has been blessed with the love and support  
26 of three remarkable children; and

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 recognize Ms. Linda Torrence for her vision, sacrifice, and foresight in founding the Georgia  
34 Women's Institute and commend her years of dedicated service to Georgia's women and  
35 families.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Linda Torrence.