

Senate Resolution 1404

By: Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Morriscene Watts and Eugene Edgar Thomas on the occasion
2 of their 60th wedding anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Morriscene Watts and Eugene Edgar Thomas were united in love and marriage
4 on April 9, 1950, and will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year and
5 renewing their marriage vows on April 9, 2010, before family and friends at St. Paul of the
6 Cross Catholic Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas's 60 year union and unyielding loyalty and devotion to
8 one another serve as an inspiration to their family, friends, and neighbors; and

9 WHEREAS, this amazing couple grew up together and married upon their graduation from
10 Washington High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
12 United States Army, valiantly and courageously serving as a lieutenant with the 24th Infantry
13 during the Korean War; and

14 WHEREAS, they both inspired and challenged students to achieve their utmost potential as
15 educators, with Mr. Thomas dedicating 31 years to the Atlanta Public School System and
16 Mrs. Thomas serving for 26 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was honored as Teacher of the Year for the Atlanta School System
18 in 1962 and 1963, climbed the ranks to assistant principal then principal, worked as a
19 swimming instructor for the Butler Street YMCA, and served as the first director of the Boys
20 and Girls Club on Bankhead Highway, where he recently retired after 26 years of leadership;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, they have been blessed with the love of their five remarkable daughters,
23 Eleanor, Donzella, LaJuana, Mamie, and Lisa, eight wonderful grandchildren, and 16
24 delightful great-grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding they have demonstrated have
26 provided the foundation and framework of success in which all of their family members have
27 developed and flourished; and

28 WHEREAS, the Thomases are active members of the Tuskegee Alumni Association, St. Paul
29 of the Cross Catholic Church, the Atlanta Metro Lion's Club, and the Joymen Social Club;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, known for their generosity and kindness, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have made the
32 world a better place in which to live, with many incredible contributions to their family,
33 community, and state; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas be congratulated
35 on their many years of happiness and their magnificent 60 year commitment to each other.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in congratulating Morriscene Watts and Eugene Edgar Thomas on their 60th wedding
38 anniversary and extend their sincere best wishes for many more happy years together.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.