

Senate Resolution 1406

By: Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and Tate of the 38th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Delois J. Scott; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Ms. Delois J. Scott; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Scott was born on October 3, 1941, the only daughter of "Red" McAllister  
5 Riggins and Gloria Pearl Kelley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she lived in the Royal Hotel on "Sweet" Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia,  
7 for 30 years, where she was raised by her grandmother, Carrie Cunningham, her aunt, Annie  
8 Mae McCormick, and a family friend, Beatrice Miller; and
- 9 WHEREAS, living on Auburn Avenue during the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's exposed Ms.  
10 Scott to a variety of rich entertainment and culture, including the company of talented artists  
11 such as Little Jimmy Scott, Solomon Burke, Lotsa Poppa, and John Peek; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a graduate of David T. Howard High School, Ms. Scott earned a dual degree  
13 in psychology and social science from Spelman College, making the Dean's List during her  
14 sophomore year; and
- 15 WHEREAS, her first marriage was to William H. "Jodie" Jones, a star football and basketball  
16 player from Alabama who attended Morris Brown College and served in the United States  
17 Army, and this union blessed her with her daughter, Jannifer; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Ms. Scott's second husband, Wendell Scott, remained her best friend throughout  
19 her life, although they divorced early on, and the two raised Brent Scott together; and

20 WHEREAS, she worked as a teacher, social worker, business manager, hotel operator, real  
21 estate agent, and mental health professional and retired as executive director of the Georgia  
22 Mental Health Consumer Network; and

23 WHEREAS, her memory will be cherished by her two adopted families who she adored, the  
24 Scott family, which included her in-laws, Annie Laurie and Emel Scott, Sr., and Ann,  
25 Charles, Debra, and Ruth Scott; and the Wyatt family, Massl, Betty, and Lucius; and

26 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
27 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
28 her family and friends were admired by others; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Scott will long be remembered for  
30 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother and friend will be missed by all who  
31 had the great fortune of knowing her.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Delois J. Scott and express their deepest and  
34 most sincere regret at her passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Delois J. Scott.