

Senate Resolution 1012

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Eva Pattillo; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Eva Pattillo has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the children of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Pattillo earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and
6 a master's degree from the University of Michigan, holds a Georgia certificate as a school
7 social worker, and is a licensed clinical social worker; and

8 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
9 talents, and energy toward improving the lives and safety of children as evidenced
10 dramatically by her superlative service as executive director for the Georgia Child Fatality
11 Review Panel; and

12 WHEREAS, as executive director, Ms. Pattillo works with the public and private agencies
13 across this state to facilitate the child fatality review process, consults with agencies on
14 methods of improving child protection, and manages a staff of seven in ensuring the accurate
15 and timely reporting of the prevalence and circumstances of child fatalities in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, she has worked with the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel since 1996 when
17 the office was called the Georgia Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Panel and was
18 instrumental in obtaining state funding for operations and collaboration from counties around
19 this state in order to establish a team approach to child death investigations; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Pattillo was instrumental in the creation of the Southeast Coalition on Child
21 Fatalities, a group dedicated to the coordination and cooperation of states in reporting and
22 preventing child deaths, which was recognized as a progressive regional coalition at the
23 Child Death Review Conference in 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, due to her leadership and support, the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel has
25 grown to be recognized as a national leader in training, investigation support, review
26 compliance, and standardized reporting of child deaths and serves as a reliable resource for
27 prevention information for local review committees and state partners; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Ms. Eva Pattillo for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service
32 to the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Eva Pattillo.