

Senate Resolution 83

By: Senators Carter of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, Chance of the 16th, Staton of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Myrlene Wade Free; 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 Mrs. Myrlene Wade Free on January 13, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Free was born on October 19, 1932, in La Villa, Texas, and graduated
5 from Mercedes High School; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she attended Pan American University and moved to Savannah, Georgia, in
7 1955, where she was a homemaker until the early 1980's when she became active in politics;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Free served as a delegate to the 1992 National Republican Convention and
10 was a delegate in numerous county, district, and state Republican conventions; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the
12 Georgia State Republican Party Executive Committee, and the First District Republican Party
13 Committee and served as second vice-chairman of the Georgia Federation of Republican
14 Women and the chairman of the Chatham County Republican Party; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Free was an advisor and senior staff member at the congressional and
16 campaign offices of United States Congressman Jack Kingston; and
- 17 WHEREAS, her dedication to politics was recognized with numerous awards and accolades,
18 including the Chatham County Republican Party Foundation Award and the Savannah West
19 Point Society Award; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Free was united in love and marriage for 56 wonderful years to her
21 husband, Bob, and was blessed with two remarkable children, Mary Ann and J. Fleming; and

22 WHEREAS, she was the proud grandmother of five remarkable grandchildren, Justin, Jarad,
23 Rachael, Mara, and Sara; and one delightful great-grandchild, Peyton; and

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

27 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
29 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Free will long be remembered for
31 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend
32 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Myrlene Wade Free and express their deepest
35 and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the family of Mrs. Myrlene Wade Free.