

Senate Resolution 87

By: Senators Davis of the 22nd and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Rosa Tarver Beard; 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. Rosa Tarver Beard on December 9, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Beard was born on November 22, 1919, in Blythe, Georgia, a beloved
5 daughter of Gartrell and Ollie Brown Tarver; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Paine High School in Augusta, Georgia, Mrs. Beard earned a
7 bachelor's degree in home economics and natural science from Paine College and a master's
8 degree in education and chemistry from Columbia University Teachers College; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Beard completed post-graduate work at Farleigh Dickson University,
10 where she was certified by the National Science Foundation Summer Institute for Junior and
11 Senior High School Teachers of Science and Mathematics; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she dedicated 41 years to the field of education, teaching at South Carolina's
13 Bettis Academy and Junior College and Augusta's Charles T. Walker Elementary, R. Johnson
14 High, and T.W. Josey High schools; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 1963, Mrs. Beard organized the Rosa T. Beard Debutante Club, which has
16 advised and cultured young women for 47 years and groomed thousands of young women
17 in the Augusta area; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Beard was an active member of
19 Antioch Baptist Church for 50 years, where she participated in several choirs, taught Sunday
20 school, and served as a missionary and trustee; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Beard was united in love and marriage to the love of her life, Mr. Ernest
22 Beard, on June 27, 1948, and was blessed with four remarkable children, Rosa Ann, Kathryn
23 Lorraine, Ernest Eric, and Cheryl Juanita; and

24 WHEREAS, she was the proud grandmother of six grandchildren, Ernest, Katrina, Charles,
25 Jennifer, Ashli "Becky," and Eugene; and six great-grandchildren, Alijah, Niyla, Charles, Jr.,
26 Ebony, Sholon, and DeCarlos; and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Beard will long be remembered
34 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, and
35 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Rosa Tarver Beard and express their deepest
38 and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the family of Mrs. Rosa Tarver Beard.