

Senate Resolution 170

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Betty Coleman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Betty Coleman has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment
4 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a pioneer in Georgia education, Ms. Coleman was one of the first African
6 American teachers at Glennville High School in Tattnall County; and

7 WHEREAS, born and raised in Glennville, Georgia, Ms. Coleman is one of seven beloved
8 children of James Henry Miller and Alma Edwards Miller; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Coleman graduated from Tattnall Industrial High School and earned a
10 bachelor's degree in education from Savannah State University; and

11 WHEREAS, she began her teaching career in 1968 at Tattnall Industrial High School and
12 moved to Glennville High School in 1970 upon integration of the Tattnall County School
13 System; and

14 WHEREAS, although she intended on retiring from education in 2001, Ms. Coleman's
15 presence in the classroom was so desired that she was urged to put her retirement on hold to
16 teach half days for four more years; and

17 WHEREAS, on August 27, 2010, Ms. Coleman celebrated her silver wedding anniversary
18 with her beloved husband Tommy Coleman; and

19 WHEREAS, her passion for uplifting the lives of others through education and her vision,
20 commitment, and tireless dedication to empowering students has served as an example for
21 all educators; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
23 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
24 of this outstanding individual.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 heartily and gratefully commend Ms. Betty Coleman for her decades of sacrifice, foresight,
27 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and recognize the
28 positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this
29 state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Betty Coleman.