

Senate Resolution 197

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Butterworth of the 50th and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Martha Nesbitt; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Martha Nesbitt 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 citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Nesbitt's positive and effective leadership and service to the community has
6 been recognized by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia with a Girl Scouts Woman of
7 Distinction Award, which honors a woman who reflects the values in the Girl Scout Promise
8 and Law and who serves as an excellent role model for girls; and

9 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Duke University and a
10 doctoral degree in history from Georgia State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Nesbitt is one of only six female presidents in the 35 institutions of the
12 University System of Georgia and the first female president of Gainesville State College; and

13 WHEREAS, since being named president of Gainesville State College in 1997, Dr. Nesbitt
14 has overseen a 170 percent enrollment increase due mainly to her leadership and vision in
15 establishing the Oconee Campus in Watkinsville, which provides two-year college options
16 for students in the area east of Gainesville; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Nesbitt has been active with the American Association for Women in
18 Community Colleges for over a decade, serving as the organization's president from 1999
19 to 2002 and being honored as 1995 Outstanding Woman of the year and 2006 President of
20 the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, she has lent her talents and expertise to numerous organizations, including the
22 Georgia Association of Colleges, the Board of Georgia Partnership for Excellence in
23 Education, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and

24 Schools, the American Council on Education's Board of Directors, the Board of the Art
25 Institute of Houston, and the Northeast Georgia History Center; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Nesbitt has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
27 an Excellence in Vocational Service award from the Gainesville Rotary Club, a Silver Shovel
28 Award from the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, and was named Woman of the Year
29 in 2004 by the American Business Women's Association; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
31 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Dr. Martha Nesbitt for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
34 service to the State of Georgia and congratulate her on receiving a Girl Scouts Woman of
35 Distinction award.

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 Dr. Martha Nesbitt.