

Senate Resolution 269

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Hooks of the 14th, Carter of the 42nd, Unterman of the 45th, Grant of the 25th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Women of Achievement and the 2011 honorees
2 Lillian Gordy Carter, Mary Francis Hill Coley, and May duBignon Stiles Howard; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia Women of Achievement was established to publicize achievements of
5 Georgia women through an annual induction ceremony, a traveling exhibit, a website, and
6 a teacher resource guide; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia Women of Achievement provides information about role models to
8 inspire Georgia youth and advocates the inclusion of women's achievements in educational
9 materials; and

10 WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Georgia Women of Achievement have annually honored
11 three women who lived a life that inspired others to make use of their talents and who made
12 exceptional contributions to society; and

13 WHEREAS, the three honorees for 2011 and the 20th anniversary induction ceremony were
14 Lillian Gordy Carter, Mary Francis Hill Coley, and May duBignon Stiles Howard; and

15 WHEREAS, the mother of President Jimmy Carter, Lillian Gordy Carter, set an example for
16 all women with her determination to make the world a better place; and

17 WHEREAS, whether it was by serving as a nurse in the Peace Corps in India or bridging
18 cultural gaps in rural Georgia, Lillian Gordy Carter's nursing skills and compassion endeared
19 her to many; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary Francis Hill Coley was born in a Georgia where women were often
21 treated as less than equal citizens and where struggles were compounded for poor and black
22 women; and

23 WHEREAS, with little formal schooling, Mary Francis Hill Coley became an accomplished
24 and recognized midwife and an advocate for health care who saw no racial barriers and was
25 documented in the award-winning film, *All My Babies*, in 1952; and

26 WHEREAS, May duBignon Stiles Howard was a mover and shaker in the early 20th century,
27 dedicated to improving the lives of Georgians through education, public health, and
28 participation in government; and

29 WHEREAS, as a leader in the local and state PTA and the Women's Auxiliary of the Medical
30 Association of Georgia, she demonstrated the potential of women to be a force for change;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Georgia Women
33 of Achievement and the 2011 honorees for their many contributions to their communities and
34 this state and the positive role models they represent for women of all ages.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend Georgia Women of Achievement for promoting the great efforts of women to
37 improve the quality of life for all Americans.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Women of Achievement.