

Senate Resolution 364

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th, Williams of the 19th, James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Freida Jane Ferguson Ellis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freida Jane Ferguson Ellis was born in Gastonia, North Carolina, and
3 lived in nine different places before she moved to Baton Rouge in the ninth grade; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and English from Louisiana
5 State University, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she met her husband, James William Ellis, Jr., on a blind date at Biloxi Beach
7 in 1954, and the loving couple were married on April 28, 1956; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a natural and talented performer, Mrs. Ellis wrote and performed plays and
9 musicals on the military base where she and her husband were stationed during his service
10 to this nation with the United States Air Force; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she moved to Atlanta from Williams Air Force Base in Arizona in 1962 and
12 joined the Georgia State Senate Secretary's Office in 1964; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her
14 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her state as evidenced with superlative
15 service with the Secretary of Senate's Office; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she has served the Senate and its members in numerous capacities, including
17 as a typist, index clerk, journal clerk, and bill clerk and under three Senate Secretaries,
18 Hamilton McWhorter, Jr., Frank Eldridge, Jr., and Bob Ewing; and
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- 20 WHEREAS, even after completing full-time employment with the Senate, Mrs. Ellis returned
21 for numerous legislative sessions to assist in the business of the state and serve the citizens
22 of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis and her husband have been blessed with three remarkable children,
24 Eric, Scott, and Kimberly, and she is the proud grandmother of six delightful grandchildren,
25 Aaron Scott Rose, Travis James Ellis, Tyler Ellis, David Oliver, Matthew Oliver, and Emily
26 Oliver; and

27 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Ellis is an active member of Peachtree
28 Presbyterian Church; and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ellis served with honor and distinction with the Georgia Secretary of
30 Senate's Office, and her vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public
31 service; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize Mrs. Freida Jane Ferguson Ellis for her decades of efficient, effective, unselfish,
36 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend to her their most sincere best
37 wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Mrs. Freida Jane Ferguson Ellis.