

Senate Resolution 435

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Carter of the 1st and James of the 35th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Savannah Chapter of Jack and Jill of America; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America is a national organization founded by the late Mrs.  
4 Marion Turner Stubbs Thomas and Mrs. Louise Truitt Jackson Dench in Philadelphia,  
5 Pennsylvania, in 1938; and

6 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America is an African American organization of mothers who  
7 nurture future leaders by strengthening children ages two to 19 through chapter  
8 programming, community service, legislative advocacy, and philanthropic giving; and

9 WHEREAS, with a mission of "Empowering Our Youth to Excel in Leadership and Service  
10 in Our Communities," the dedicated members of Jack and Jill of America believe every child,  
11 with proper guidance and opportunity, can be a leader; and

12 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America's Savannah Chapter was installed by Mrs. Thelma  
13 Keck on October 15, 1960, and charter members included Dorothy Adams, Ernestine  
14 Bertrand, Virginia Blalock, Jacqueline Bryant, Mozelle Clemmons, Mozella G. Collier,  
15 Agatha Cooper, Ruth Dobson, Veronica Douglas, Ester Hardin, Sadie M. Jason, Constance  
16 Johnson, Edith Jones, Margaret Law, Mattie Leftwich, Merdis Lyons, Mary McDew, Violet  
17 Singleton, Harriett P. Stone, Sadie Williams, Mary Edith Stiles, Ouida Thompson, Mary  
18 White, Inez Williams, and Martha Wilson; and

19 WHEREAS, these mothers envisioned an organization that focused on the family and sought  
20 for all children a rich cultural experience that would enhance both physical and mental  
21 growth; and

22 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter of Jack and Jill of America is celebrating 50 years of  
23 service to the Savannah community, having positively influenced the lives of hundreds of  
24 children through community service, giving, and recognition programs; and

25 WHEREAS, the Savannah Chapter of Jack and Jill of America is poised to continue its rich  
26 history of service and high level of commitment and dedication to the Savannah community;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
29 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
30 recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize the rich history and legacy of the Savannah Chapter of Jack and Jill of America  
33 and commend this amazing organization on 50 years of service to the children of Savannah  
34 and the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Savannah Chapter of Jack and Jill of  
37 America.