

Senate Resolution 557

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Katheryn "K.M." Vernethea Middleton Brown; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Dr. Katheryn Vernethea Middleton Brown on February 13, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown was born on June 13, 1921, in Charleston, South Carolina, a beloved  
6 daughter of the late Margaret E. Wheaton Middleton and Reverend Jesse E. Middleton, Sr.;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, educated in the public schools of Charleston, Dr. Brown earned a bachelor's  
9 degree from Allen University, master's degrees from Cornell University and Atlanta  
10 University, and doctoral degrees from Ball State University and Atlanta University; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown dedicated 44 years to uplifting the lives of students as an educator,  
12 teaching biology and horticulture at Booker T. Washington, Henry McNeal Turner, and  
13 Frederick Douglass high schools in Atlanta and serving as assistant principal at Walter F.  
14 George High School; and

15 WHEREAS, this highly respected educator was known for being a tough, firm, yet fair  
16 teacher and was a formidable force for the students who had the opportunity to learn from  
17 her; and

18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Brown was an active in the African  
19 Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to Atlanta's Cosmopolitan AME Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown was united in love and marriage to the late Hasell David Brown, Sr.,  
21 and was blessed with the support of her children, Hasell and Michele Brown; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition to her children, she leaves behind many who will cherish her  
23 memory, including her stepgrandchildren, Daniel M.D. Brown and Michael and Sheila  
24 Obleton; and her siblings, Ernest and Thelma Middleton, Adele M. Weathers, Rose S.  
25 Middleton, and Mabel Middleton; and

26 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
27 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
28 her family and friends were admired by others; and

29 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
30 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
31 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Brown will long be remembered for  
33 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother, grandmother, sister, and friend will  
34 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Katheryn Vernethea Middleton Brown and  
37 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the family of Dr. Katheryn Vernethea  
40 Middleton Brown.