

## Senate Resolution 563

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, James of the 35th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Helen Odessa Dixon Davenport on the occasion of her  
2 85th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Odessa Dixon Davenport was born on May 16, 1926, in Jonesboro,  
4 Georgia, the beloved daughter of Henry and Clara Dixon, and this year she enjoys the rare  
5 distinction of celebrating her 85th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davenport earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from Clark  
7 College and a master's degree in education from Atlanta University; and

8 WHEREAS, she dedicated 38 years to uplifting the lives of young people through her work  
9 as an educator at W.A. Fountain High School in Forest Park and Lillie E. Suder Elementary  
10 School in Jonesboro; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davenport's leadership and service have been invaluable to numerous  
12 organizations, including the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club, American Business  
13 Women's Association, National Education Association, Georgia Association of Educators,  
14 Clayton County Education Association, Concerned Black Citizens Coalition of Clayton  
15 County, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, NAACP Clayton County Branch, International Reading  
16 Association, Clayton County Reading Association, Clayton County Retired Teachers  
17 Association, and Georgia State Consumer Advisory Board; and

18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Davenport has been an active member  
19 of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church for over 70 years; and

20 WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of two remarkable daughters, retired Clayton County  
21 school teacher Carolyn Davenport and Georgia State Senator Gail Davenport; and

22 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided  
23 the foundation and framework of success in which her family members have developed and  
24 flourished; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davenport possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through  
26 experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many  
27 challenges of life; and

28 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, a kind and generous woman, Mrs. Davenport brings joy and happiness to her  
31 many friends, neighbors, and family members who have the great pleasure of knowing her;  
32 and

33 WHEREAS, by the example Mrs. Davenport has made of her life, she makes this world a  
34 better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately  
35 recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 commend Mrs. Helen Odessa Dixon Davenport for her loving and dedicated service to the  
38 members of her family and the citizens of her community, congratulate her upon the grand  
39 occasion of her 85th birthday, and extend to her best wishes for continued health and  
40 happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Helen Odessa Dixon Davenport.