

Senate Resolution 594

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Mary N. Long; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Southeast is honoring Ms. Mary N. Long with the Living
3 Legend Award for her decades of advocacy and service to women; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she has spent her life working for the welfare of others and advocating for
5 social and gender equality; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ms. Long served as a nurse with distinction, both locally and nationally, worked
7 at Grady Memorial Hospital for 22 years, establishing and administering its Community
8 Health and Central Referral Program, and served as president of the Georgia Nurses
9 Association, president of the Georgia Nurses Foundation, and second vice-president of the
10 American Nurses Association; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as an executive in the nonprofit sector, she is an expert at lobbying, organizing
12 advocacy efforts, and fund-raising, and she was vice president for advocacy at the Arthritis
13 Foundation and interim executive director of the Central Presbyterian Outreach and
14 Advocacy Center; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Ms. Long has been very active in her field and was the first African American
16 woman, and only the second woman, to lobby the Georgia General Assembly and the first
17 African American president of the Georgia Nurses Association and of the Metro Atlanta
18 YWCA, and she established the first clinic for homeless people in Atlanta; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she has been an advocate for health and women's issues for decades and served
20 as the first treasurer of the political action committee established by the Georgia Women's
21 Political Caucus, co-chaired Georgia's WIN List, and has lent her expertise to numerous
22 community, advocacy, civic, and religious organizations through board and committee

23 service, including membership on the Georgia Judicial Nominating Committee and the
24 Women's Health Advisory Council; and

25 WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, Ms. Long became interested in the activities of the Georgia
26 Equal Rights Amendment campaign, and she was particularly interested in women's
27 reproductive rights and appeared as one of the plaintiffs in the Georgia abortion case *Doe v*
28 *Bolton*; and

29 WHEREAS, among the organizations that have honored Mary Long with awards are the
30 Atlanta Women's Foundation, the Georgia Women's Political Caucus, the Atlanta Urban
31 League, and the United Way of Atlanta; and

32 WHEREAS, her commitment to reproductive rights and freedom is clear, and she has been
33 a long-time supporter of Planned Parenthood, serving as cochair of the 2008 Living Legends
34 Gala honoring Reverend Joanna Adams.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 honor and commend Ms. Mary Long for her lifetime of dedicated service to the cause of
37 women's rights.

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. Ms. Mary Long.