

Senate Resolution 608

By: Senators Fort of the 39th and Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ella Mae Wade Brayboy; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mrs. Ella Mae Wade Brayboy on November 10, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. Brayboy graduated from Booker T.  
5 Washington High School, where she showed an early passion for activism and advocacy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brayboy was one of Georgia's first black deputy voter registrars,  
7 registering a record 10,000 black voters during the 1960's and her dedicated work for others  
8 was recognized by the YWCA with a 1988 Women of Achievement Award; and
- 9 WHEREAS, known as the "Grandmother of voter registration," Mrs. Brayboy worked with  
10 the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s voter  
11 registration drive; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she worked as a congressional aide to former United States Representative  
13 Andrew Young, served on one of the first commissions to oversee the annual Martin Luther  
14 King, Jr., holiday, and served as director of community affairs for the Martin Luther King,  
15 Jr., Center for 15 years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brayboy's numerous accomplishments on behalf of Georgians include  
17 obtaining half-priced taxi fares for seniors, helping to establish the geriatric clinic at Grady  
18 Hospital, assisting in the replacement of the state's centralized balloting system with voting  
19 precincts, working with MARTA to determine which neighborhoods needed transit service,  
20 and helping the residents of Atlanta's Pittsburgh community get indoor plumbing, electricity,  
21 and natural gas service; and

22 WHEREAS, she was blessed with three remarkable daughters, Joyce, Wilma, and Eleanor;  
23 seven grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Brayboy will long be remembered  
31 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother, grandmother, advocate, and  
32 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ella Mae Wade Brayboy and express their  
35 deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Ella Mae Wade  
38 Brayboy.