

Senate Resolution 609

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Barbara Payne on her outstanding public service; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Barbara Payne has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by her superlative service as executive director of the Fulton County Taxpayers  
9 Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne has been active in policy and socioeconomic justice work for over  
11 15 years and first advocated for the interests of the public with the federation of state Public  
12 Interest Research Groups while a student at Portland State University; and

13 WHEREAS, she has set up organizations for such notables as Ralph Nader and has been a  
14 consultant to over a dozen campaigns, both issue and candidate, nationwide; and

15 WHEREAS, her advocacy for the taxpayers of Fulton County has led to many reforms  
16 benefiting thousands of property owners, and she has proven herself to be committed to  
17 fighting against government waste, mismanagement, and corruption; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable  
19 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the  
20 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and  
21 associates; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne has served with honor and distinction with the Fulton County  
25 Taxpayers Foundation and her vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for  
26 public service; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend Ms. Barbara Payne for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
31 service to Fulton County and the State of Georgia and extend to her their most sincere best  
32 wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Barbara Payne.