

Senate Resolution 625

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Harper; 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 Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Harper; and

4 WHEREAS, born in Illinois and raised in Florida, this second-generation community activist
5 gained invaluable experience during her high school years as a participant in the
6 "Work-Place-Folk" program as well as a study abroad program through which she witnessed
7 first-hand the impact community development and community decline can have on different
8 areas; and

9 WHEREAS, after high school, Ms. Harper became active in the Civil Rights campaigns of
10 the 1960's, and she helped start the Florida Black Student Union; and

11 WHEREAS, in the mid-1970's, Ms. Harper relocated to Atlanta where she became involved
12 in the construction of the East-West line of MARTA as an employee in the Train Control
13 Signal Division of Parson, Brinkerhoff and Tutor, and she also held administrative and
14 program management positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology; worked in corporate
15 recruiting, marketing, and human resources for several Atlanta based Fortune 500
16 companies; and managed a \$2.5 million self-administered benefit program for a Wisconsin
17 based company serving six states; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Harper attended Agnes Scott College through the Return-To-College
19 program, where she participated in the Global Awareness program and earned a scholarship
20 to study economic development in the Republic of China, was chosen to present a paper at
21 the 1988 State of Georgia Undergraduate Conference on Asian Studies, served as historian
22 and president in the Student Black Awareness Association, and was the first program
23 participant to hold an editorial position on the college's newspaper; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Harper was extremely active in her neighborhood organization, the
25 Mechanicsville Civic Association, where she served as historian and representative to the
26 Atlanta Community Empowerment Corporation's Board of Directors and as Economic
27 Development Chairperson; and

28 WHEREAS, she tirelessly gave to others by actively participating in the Neighborhood
29 Planning Unit (NPU-V) as secretary, vice president, and president, and on the NPU Board
30 for the City of Atlanta Utilities Committee as secretary, president, and representative to the
31 Board of Directors of the Atlanta Renewal Community CoRa, Inc.; and

32 WHEREAS, the passion and efforts of this unbelievably talented woman have been
33 recognized through her numerous honors and awards such as the WXIA Community Service
34 Award, Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta's 2001 Woman of the Year award,
35 and the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter of 100 Black Women's 2006 Unsung Heroine Award.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Harper and express their
38 deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Margaret "Peggy"
41 Harper.