

Senate Resolution 654

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Sims of the 12th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Catherine Coats; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of Catherine Coats on November 22, 2011;  
3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Catherine Coats was born on February 3, 1928, in Holly Hill, South Carolina,  
5 a beloved daughter of Virginia Fann and Charles William; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she was an active member of Glendale  
7 Missionary Baptist Church and opened her home for various church services such as weekly  
8 Bible study, prayer meetings, Vacation Bible School, and whatever else was needed; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Catherine was united in love and marriage to Dr. Rev. Joseph Coats, Sr., for 52  
10 years "until death do us part" and was blessed with eight remarkable children; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly and faithfully with the youngsters in the church as director  
12 of the preschool Sunday school department for years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
14 for integrity, wisdom, fairness, kindness, and faith, and by the example she made of her life,  
15 she made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman who never wanted to shine in the  
17 spotlight but gave all glory to Jesus Christ, Catherine Coats will long be remembered for her  
18 love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife and friend will be missed by all who had  
19 the great fortune of knowing her.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 join in honoring the life and memory of Catherine Coats and express their deepest and most  
22 sincere regret at her passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate is authorized and directed to  
24 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Catherine Coats.