

Senate Resolution 1023

By: Senators Paris of the 26th, Staton of the 18th, Grant of the 25th, Tate of the 38th, Millar of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Senator Robert Brown; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the immeasurable loss of one of its most
3 distinguished citizens with the passing of former Senator Robert Brown on December 8,
4 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Mercer University in Macon, he went on to be a strong advocate
6 for the school and a valiant fighter for education and opportunity for everyone, as evidenced
7 by his key role in creating the HOPE Scholarship; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Brown was a servant leader, never thinking of himself, but always of
9 the people of this state and their needs, especially children, the less fortunate, and the
10 disadvantaged; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Brown was heavily involved in the civil rights movement in Macon,
12 where he repeatedly marched for equal rights and jobs for African Americans, and was a civil
13 rights pioneer in the 1960s and 1970s; and

14 WHEREAS, he served three terms as a member of the Board of Education of Bibb County
15 before his election in 1991 as Bibb County's first black Senator since Reconstruction; and
16 he served 20 years in the state Senate and was elected Minority Leader in 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, he lived for politics and dedicated his entire life to the betterment of his fellow
18 citizens and the State of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, he was known to his colleagues as a bright, dependable, respected man who was
20 the most loyal political friend anyone could ever have; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Brown loved his state, his community, and his native Macon,
22 spearheading legislative efforts to save the Douglass Theatre and help the Tubman African
23 American Museum; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 colleagues, associates, and constituents were admired by others; and

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Robert Brown will long be remembered
31 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal Senator, citizen, and friend will be missed
32 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Senator Robert Brown and express their deepest and
35 most sincere regret at his 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 family of Senator Robert Brown.