

Senate Resolution 1063

By: Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mayor Pro Tempore Robert L. Thomas; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Mayor Pro Tempore Robert L. Thomas on February 17, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas was born on March 23, 1940, in Glynn County,
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he received bachelor's degrees in biology and business management; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas worked and retired from the laboratory at Hercules,
9 Incorporated; and

10 WHEREAS, he became an ordained minister at First Jordan Grove Baptist Church in
11 Brunswick where he served as co-pastor; was pastor of First African Baptist Church in
12 Darien, Georgia, and of churches in New York City and Fernandina, Florida; and was
13 honorary chaplain of his daughter's motorcycle group, Total Throttle Bike Club; and

14 WHEREAS, an active member in his community, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas was Grand
15 Marshall and received the key to the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, in 2005, was a
16 member of the NAACP, elected as Black Caucus Parliamentarian for the Black Elected
17 Officials in Atlanta, and was a member of 33 Degree Mason in the Prince Hall Lodge; and

18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas will long be
25 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, son, and friend will
26 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Mayor Pro Tempore Robert L. Thomas and express
29 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mayor Pro Tempore Robert
32 L. Thomas.