

Senate Resolution 1106

By: Senators Paris of the 26th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Women of Achievement and 2012 honoree Sarah
2 Randolph Bailey; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Women of Achievement was established to publicize achievements of
4 Georgia women through an annual induction ceremony, a traveling exhibit, a website, and
5 a teacher resource guide; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia Women of Achievement provides information about role models to
7 inspire Georgia youth and advocates the inclusion of women's achievements in educational
8 materials; and

9 WHEREAS, each year, Georgia Women of Achievement honor three women who lived a
10 life that inspired others to make use of their talents and who made exceptional contributions
11 to society; and

12 WHEREAS, Sarah Randolph Bailey is recognized for her profound impact on multiple
13 organizations and systems within the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, she taught and was principal at Maryland M. Burdell Elementary School for 35
15 years and then began teaching Sunday school at Macon's Old Detention Home, which
16 became the Negro Training School for Girls implementing a program for rehabilitation and
17 life preparedness, and is now the Youth Detention Center; and

18 WHEREAS, she organized groups called the Girl Reserves in 1935, a movement of the
19 YWCA that offered young black girls the same experience as the Girl Scouts; and

20 WHEREAS, her efforts did not go unnoticed by the Girl Scouts of America, which invited
21 the formation of black troops in 1945, and she was appointed chairwoman of the Central
22 Committee for Macon's troops; and

23 WHEREAS, her work as a troop leader, district and council leader, and camp director was
24 recognized with the highest honor an adult could receive at that time, the Thanks Badge; and

25 WHEREAS, in recognition of her positive influence, Macon's Girl Scout Center was
26 renamed the Sarah Bailey Service Center in 1994; and

27 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Georgia Women
28 of Achievement and 2012 honoree Sarah Randolph Bailey for their many contributions to
29 their communities and this state and the positive role models they represent for women of all
30 ages.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend Georgia Women of Achievement for promoting the great efforts of women to
33 improve the quality of life for all Americans and extend congratulations to the family of 2012
34 honoree Sarah Randolph Bailey.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sarah Randolph Bailey.