

Senate Resolution 1140

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Fort of the 39th and Hooks of the 14th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Jo Neal Freeman; 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 Mrs. Jo Neal Freeman on March 2, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman was born on July 21, 1952, in Washington, D.C., a beloved  
5 daughter of Renett and Czerny Neal; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Hampton University and a  
7 master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after graduation she worked in the field of chemical dependency treatment as  
9 an administrator, manager, and psychotherapist for more than 25 years and as a clinical  
10 supervisor for the Albany Area Community Service Board and Phoebe Putney Memorial  
11 Hospital; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman was an active member of several local organizations, including  
13 the Toastmasters Club 5091, the Board of Trustees for the Anchorage, the Board of Directors  
14 for Girls Incorporated and the YMCA, the Albany chapter of the Links, Inc., and the  
15 GWRRA; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Everette J. Freeman, and was blessed  
17 with two remarkable daughters, Mashon Gray and Dara Madzimoyo, and four wonderful  
18 grandchildren, Justin II, Jahi, Kachi, and Bailo; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
21 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Freeman will long be remembered  
26 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and  
27 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that the members of this body join  
29 in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Jo Neal Freeman and express their deepest and most  
30 sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Jo Neal Freeman.