

Senate Resolution 1192

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Christine King Farris; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Christine King Farris is the older and only sister of Dr. Martin Luther
3 King, Jr., and serves as director of the Learning Resource Center at Spelman College where
4 she is an associate professor of education; and

5 WHEREAS, she is the author of *Martin Luther King, Jr.: His Life and Dream*, which has
6 been used by educators across the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2010, she published her memoir, *Through It All: Reflections On My Life, My
8 Family, and My Faith*; and

9 WHEREAS, as vice chair and treasurer of The King Center, Mrs. Farris has played an
10 invaluable role in helping to build the center, and her commitment, insight, and years of hard
11 work are reflected in every brick of the center's Freedom Hall Complex; and

12 WHEREAS, a devoted and dedicated sister, Mrs. Farris served as founder and chairperson
13 of the board of directors of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center, Inc., and
14 is a member of the advisory board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site; and

15 WHEREAS, as an active member of her community, Mrs. Farris has served on the Georgia
16 Governor's Education Reform Commission, several key committees of the International
17 Reading Association, the Georgia Right-to-Read Advisory Council, and the editorial board
18 of the Journal of Reading; and

19 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Isaac Newton Farris, Sr., and is blessed
20 with two remarkable children, Isaac Newton, Jr., and Dr. Angela Farris Watkins and one
21 wonderful granddaughter, Farris Watkins; and

22 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
23 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Mrs. Christine King Farris for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
28 public service to education and the State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Christine King Farris.