

Senate Resolution 1203

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and Jeffares of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Josephine Burdette Brown; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Josephine Burdette Brown was born in Newton County, Georgia, a
3 beloved daughter of John and Ruth Burge Burdette; and

4 WHEREAS, she graduated from Albany State University with numerous citations and
5 certificates; and

6 WHEREAS, she has been cited by the University of Georgia, Gainesville Junior College, and
7 Kennesaw State University for her outstanding contributions; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown became the first African American Senior Center director in
9 Newton County and was the director for Heard Start before working in the aging field; and

10 WHEREAS, she is a charter member of the Newton County African American Council for
11 the Arts and an active member of the NAACP; and

12 WHEREAS, she has received numerous meritorious citations in partnership, including the
13 Senior Center participation in the United States Census in 2010, Certificate of Local
14 Government Management by the University of Georgia in 2003, the Leadership of Newton
15 County Award by the Newton County Chambers of Commerce, and the Newton County
16 Certificate of Appreciation; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown has received numerous honors, including the MLK Dream Alive
18 Award in 1991, the Outstanding Community Service in Volunteerism Award and the I Have
19 a Dream Award in 1993, the Faithful and Consecrated Services Award in 1995, and the
20 Outstanding Service Award in 2000; and

21 WHEREAS, she has been honored for service to the Council on Aging with a Certificate of
22 Continuing Education in Gerontology in 1983, the Outstanding Accomplishments Award in
23 2000, the Outstanding Operational Facility Award in 2004, the 2001 Event of the Year in
24 2002, and the Senior Adult Section in 2003; and

25 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Brown is an active member of the
26 Graves Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she serves on seven different
27 boards within the church and was honored with the Outstanding Service Award in 1998; and

28 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to the late Staff Sergeant Dave William
29 Brown, a Vietnam veteran, and together they were blessed with two remarkable children and
30 four wonderful grandchildren; and

31 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown continues to be a mentor to her extended family and community,
32 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Mrs. Josephine Burdette Brown for effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated
36 public service and contributions to her family and her community and for helping to make
37 Newton County a better place in which to live in for all citizens.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Josephine Burdette Brown.