

Senate Resolution 1274

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mother Dorethea Daye Evans on the occasion of her 77th
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mother Dorethea Daye Evans was born on January 8, 1935, and is the eldest
4 and only daughter of sharecropper J.D. Stanley and Lerona Stanley of Treutlen County,
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, at an early age, she moved to Atlanta and after receiving her nursing certificate
7 from Beaumont School of Nursing on September 21, 1954, worked as a nurse for many
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage on July 19, 1955, to the late Bishop Dr.
10 Robert Lee Evans for 53 years until his passing in 2008, and through this union they were
11 blessed with six remarkable children, 13 wonderful grandchildren, and nine adored
12 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mother Evans stood by her husband while he served as pastor for 26 years for
14 churches in Jefferson, Washington, Greene, and Fulton counties; and

15 WHEREAS, Mother Evans is a devout Christian who believes in taking care of the needy,
16 sharing and living her life by loving her God with all her heart, soul, and mind, and loving
17 others as herself; and

18 WHEREAS, she is a senior member of the Mother Board at First Christian Community
19 Church in Northwest Atlanta, where she puts her faith into action by providing food,
20 clothing, and toys to the Atlanta homeless shelters for men, women, and children and
21 manages the church's food distribution services; and

22 WHEREAS, she knows no strangers and devotes her life to the care and love of others with
23 a philosophy that love must be shown in the service to others and not just spoken, and she
24 is a person of great faith and tremendous strengths; and

25 WHEREAS, Mother Evans is an active member of the Thomasville Heights Civil League
26 and the Helene Mills Senior Center that works to address issues facing the senior citizens in
27 the community; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the public service of this distinguished
29 Georgian be appropriately recognized during this special time in her life.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Mother Dorethea Daye Evans for her effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated
32 public service to the citizens of the State of Georgia, congratulate her on the occasion of her
33 77th birthday, and extend sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mother Dorethea Daye Evans.