

Senate Resolution 54

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Jennie Agatha Anderson Cooper; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Mrs. Jennie Agatha Anderson Cooper on September 10, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper was born on September 1, 1916, in Allendale, South Carolina, a
6 beloved daughter of the late Reverend Charles Lee Anderson and Mrs. Jennie Myers
7 Anderson; and

8 WHEREAS, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Savannah State (College)
9 University, began her professional life as a dedicated teacher at Vorhees College Training
10 School and Allendale High School, and later worked as a social worker with the Chatham
11 County Department of Public Welfare and as both a social worker and director of admissions
12 at the Chatham Association for Retarded Citizens, Incorporated; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time toward the
14 betterment of her community and state, from organizing the social workers' organization for
15 African Americans in Savannah to becoming one of the first three African Americans named
16 to the board of directors of the American Cancer Society in Savannah; and

17 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she was a devout member of Butler
18 Memorial Presbyterian Church in Savannah, where she served in numerous capacities,
19 including Elder as well as a founding member and past president of the M.G. Redd Circle;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper was united in love and marriage to Philip Wendell Cooper, and
22 was blessed with one devoted son, Wendell Cooper, two remarkable grandchildren, Philip

23 Anthony "Tony" Cooper, Sr., and Denise M. Cooper, and two adoring great-grandchildren,
24 Philip Anthony Cooper, Jr., and Mara Melonnie Cooper; and

25 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
26 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
27 her family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Cooper will long be remembered
29 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, community pioneer, and noted
30 humanitarian will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Jennie Agatha Anderson Cooper and express
33 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

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 the family of Mrs. Jennie Agatha
36 Anderson Cooper.