

Senate Resolution 111

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Thomasina Jenkins-Thompson on the occasion of her
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomasina Jenkins-Thompson retired from the Savannah-Chatham
4 County Public School System with 46 years of educational service at the end of the
5 2011-2012 school year; and

6 WHEREAS, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from
7 Savannah State College in 1967 and a Master of Education degree from Savannah State and
8 Armstrong Atlantic State University in 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson began her distinguished 46 year teaching career at Julia P.
10 Bryant Elementary School, Statesboro, Georgia, in 1966, and in 1967, she began her tenure
11 with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was one of the first teachers in the Savannah-Chatham
13 County lottery to integrate Savannah's public schools; thus, Mrs. Thompson has personally
14 witnessed and become a part of the historical change in American schools' instructional
15 adjustment from segregation to integration; and

16 WHEREAS, during her 46 year tenure, she developed young minds by teaching high morals
17 as well as reading, writing, and mathematics to students ranging from first grade through
18 high school; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson has served as a Title I teacher and coordinator at several
20 schools, has been WTOC's Top Teacher twice, in 2006 and 2011, and has been Teacher of
21 the Year twice; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson's passion for teaching led her to retire and accept a position as
23 a middle school math teacher in Jasper County, South Carolina in 2000; however, she
24 returned to the Savannah-Chatham County Schools in 2002 to use her talents and zeal to
25 teach students at Gadsden Elementary School as a fifth grade teacher and an EIP; and

26 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Thompson is a dedicated member of
27 St. Philip Monumental A.M.E. Church where she has served as a Sunday School Teacher;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomasina Jenkins-Thompson has been united in love and marriage to
30 James E. Thompson for the past 44 years and has been blessed with four remarkable
31 children, all of whom are successful college graduates, and three cherished grandchildren.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Mrs. Thomasina Jenkins-Thompson for her 46 years of service as an educator
34 committed to cultivating young minds, congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement,
35 and extend their heartfelt wishes for her continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Thomasina Jenkins-Thompson.