

Senate Resolution 122

By: Senators James of the 35th and Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Priscilla Graham; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Priscilla Graham was born on November 5, 1941, a beloved daughter of
3 Herman, Sr., and Lovell Graham; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after graduating from Ullman High School in 1958, she attended and earned an
5 associate's degree from Daniel Payne Jr. College in Birmingham, and later matriculated to
6 Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, and then to Stillman College in Tuscaloosa,
7 Alabama, where she received a bachelor's degree in English and Social Studies; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her college sweetheart and is blessed with
9 four beautiful children, Tonya, Chanda, Vareck, and Derek Gober; 12 remarkable
10 grandchildren; and eight precious great-grandchildren; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Priscilla taught in public schools from 1964 to 1972 before having to resign in
12 order to raise her family; during her first teaching career, she worked at Douglas County
13 High School, helping to desegregate the school as an African American educator; and
- 14 WHEREAS, when Priscilla returned to work at Marietta High School in 1977, she remained
15 in the Marietta city school system as a teacher until 2001, and continues to work as a
16 substitute teacher for several middle schools in Douglas County; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Priscilla was baptized and raised in St.
18 James AME Church, at which her mother was an ordained minister, and has been a member
19 of New Mountain Top Baptist Church of Winston since 1984, where she has served as a
20 member of the Voices of New Mountain Top, a participant in Sunday school and three
21 Wednesday Bible study groups, and a church decorator for all occasions; and

22 WHEREAS, she has given inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep
23 concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she has
24 demonstrated to her family, friends, and students is admired by others; and

25 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
26 integrity, intelligence, service, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she has made of
27 her life, she has made this world a better place in which to live.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize Priscilla Graham as an inspiring educator whose accomplishments resonate in the
30 success and self-confidence of her students.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Priscilla Graham.