

Senate Resolution 204

By: Senators James of the 35th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Carolyn Diane Pearson Parker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mrs. Carolyn Diane Pearson Parker on January 2, 2013; and

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5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker was born on July 3, 1951, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a beloved
6 daughter of Jennie Louis and Chois William Pearson, Sr.; and

7 WHEREAS, a spirited and independent woman, Mrs. Parker graduated with honors from
8 Fifth Avenue High School in 1969, and later continued her education at Georgia State
9 University, DeKalb College, and Morris Brown College; and

10 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Walter Hall Parker, and was blessed
11 with one remarkable daughter, Celeste, and four adoring grandchildren, Darius, Jená, Austin,
12 and Cymone; and

13 WHEREAS, after she relocated to Atlanta in 1974, Mrs. Parker became an integral part of
14 spiritual, professional, and business communities in the city and surrounding areas; and

15 WHEREAS, a devoted and conscientious leader, Mrs. Parker served as secretary, chaplain,
16 and two-term president of Fulton County Employee Association, and in 2012, she was
17 honored for her long service; and

18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Parker accepted Christ as her Savior
19 at the early age of nine at Macedonia Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and her
20 vision and reliance upon following God's will for her life allowed her to persevere in both
21 good and bad times; and

22 WHEREAS, her desire to assist persons of all races and walks of life, both internationally
23 and locally, caused Mrs. Parker to form her outreach organization "Taste and See Ministries"
24 and to become ordained and serve as the Associate Minister at Lion of Judah Church; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker traveled internationally on the World Peace Tour as a member of
26 Ambassadors for Christ, and was an active and supportive member of the American Clergy
27 Leadership Conference and the Professional Women's Group; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Parker will long be remembered
29 and loved, and this loyal wife, mother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great
30 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. Carolyn Diane Pearson Parker and express their
33 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. Carolyn Diane
36 Pearson Parker.