

Senate Resolution 624

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Andrea P. F. Brooks; 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 Ms. Andrea P. F. Brooks; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks attended school in Sumter County until her eighth grade year when
5 she moved to Buford, South Carolina, to attend the Mather School, an all girls school; she
6 graduated in 1964 as valedictorian and then entered Fayetteville State University in Fort
7 Bragg, North Carolina, before she returned to Americus to enroll in Georgia Southwestern
8 State College to pursue an English degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks later obtained her master's degree in elementary education from
10 Fort Valley State College and furthered her education at Columbus State University and
11 Albany State University; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks was an educator for 40 years before her retirement in 1999; and

13 WHEREAS, in January, 2005, Ms. Brooks became the first African American and the first
14 woman to serve on the Sumter County Board of Commissioners since its establishment in
15 1972; and

16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Brooks was an active member of
17 Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where she served as associate minister; and

18 WHEREAS, she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta, the Americus Alumni Chapter, and
19 served on the Middle Flint/Chattahoochee RESA Committee and joint city/county
20 committees; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Andrea P. F. Brooks will long be
28 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal educator, commissioner, and
29 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Andrea P. F. Brooks and express their deepest
32 and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Andrea P. F. Brooks.