

Senate Resolution 649

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Bennie Butler Newroth for her significant achievements; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bennie Butler Newroth has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she is a loving mother of three children and the proud grandmother of Andrew
7 Jalon Ogletree and Ashlee McKayla Ogletree; and

8 WHEREAS, she has a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina A&T University and
9 a Master of Science degree from Columbia University; and

10 WHEREAS, she is the author of *Mama Said*, a collection of proverbs with an African
11 American perspective; and

12 WHEREAS, from 1975 to 2002, she was an instructor of social work at Columbus State
13 University; and since 1979, she has been a neonatal social worker, the director of social
14 work, and the director of government and community relations at Columbus Regional
15 Healthcare System, Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, she is the founder of Sports Counseling and Educational Services, Inc., and The
17 Bennie Newroth "You Grow Girl" Leadership Institute and is a member of Midtown, Inc.,
18 Spencer High School Athletic Appreciation Association, Inc., the Liberty Theatre Cultural
19 Center, the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and past
20 member of Columbus Technical College Foundation, the Georgia Certification of Librarians,
21 Georgia Department of Corrections, and the Columbus Symphony; and

22 WHEREAS, this distinguished individual has showcased her significant organizational and
23 leadership talents as a campaign coordinator for elected representatives such as Calvin
24 Smyre, Carolyn Hugley, Lula Huff, Evelyn Turner, and Governor Roy Barnes; and

25 WHEREAS, Bennie Butler Newroth has won numerous awards and distinctions, including
26 Outstanding Young Woman of America, Boss of the Year for the American Business
27 Women Association, the Women in Action award, the Nation Builders award for the
28 National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Legend in the Community award for the
29 SaMarc Foundation, and The Heard Humanitarian award for the Camellian Civic and Social
30 Club; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Bennie Butler Newroth for her efficient, unselfish, and dedicated service and
35 extend to her their best wishes for continued success 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 Bennie Butler Newroth.