

Senate Resolution 656

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Carter of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lillian Kamack Corrigan; 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 Lillian Kamack Corrigan on March 14, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Corrigan was a fully committed activist in the peace and human rights
5 movements around the world who never stopped working for peace; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was a loving mother to three sons, Dave, John, and Mike, and one daughter,
7 Kathy; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she served in the United States Navy during World War II, where she met her
9 future husband Bill, who would accompany her on their travels throughout Central America,
10 where they witnessed firsthand the violence toward and oppression of the poor; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ms. Corrigan marched in Washington, D.C., in the 1968 Poor People's
12 Campaign following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and she wrote letters to the
13 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in response to critical opinions expressed about the Washington
14 march; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in response to the massacres in El Salvador during the 1980s, Ms. Corrigan
16 began a protest of the School of the Americas at Ft. Benning that would last the rest of her
17 life and later started "PJ's for Peace and Justice," which sewed pajamas for children
18 throughout Central America; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in recognition of her activism, Coretta Scott King presented Ms. Corrigan with
20 the Peace and Justice Award at the 1991 Catholic celebration for King; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Corrigan more recently protested the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with
22 placards that read, "Support the troops, not the policy"; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and committed woman, Ms. Corrigan will long be remembered
24 for her love of family, peace, and justice, and this dedicated activist will be missed by all
25 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Lillian Kamack Corrigan and express their deepest
28 and most sincere regret at her passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lillian Kamack Corrigan.