

Senate Resolution 698

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Betty Irene Ridderhoff; 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 Betty Irene Ridderhoff on March 11, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Betty, the youngest of four children born to Valentine and Viola Mohl, grew
5 up on the west side of Chicago, graduated from Austin High School, and worked part-time
6 for an insurance company; and after graduating, she added a second job at night, working for
7 an attorney; and

8 WHEREAS, after having her son, Allen, she moved back in with her mother and met a
9 salesman, Bob Ridderhoff, and in 1953, Bob and Betty were married and nine months later
10 welcomed their daughter, Valerie; and

11 WHEREAS, they eventually moved to Los Angeles and had another child, David, before
12 starting a successful sewing machine distribution business in 1959; and in 1990, Bob and
13 Betty decided to retire and move to Atlanta's Inman Park; and

14 WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to the community, including editing the
15 Inman Park *Advocator*, producing the neighborhood directory, serving as the treasurer of the
16 Trolley Barn, and volunteering through various outlets that had a tremendous impact on the
17 local community; and

18 WHEREAS, she and Bob were incredibly generous with their home, opening it for holiday
19 parties, the Festival Tour of Homes, political campaigns, weddings, birthday parties, and
20 more; and they were also generous with their financial assets, paying to pave the Inman Park
21 Methodist Church parking lot and contributing to every other financial need of the
22 neighborhood; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Betty will long be remembered for her
27 love of family and friendship, and she will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
28 knowing her.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Betty Irene Ridderhoff and express their deepest and
31 most sincere regret at her passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Betty Irene Ridderhoff.