

Senate Resolution 813

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Parnell Mines Jones; 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 Parnell Mines Jones on January 4, 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was born in 1926 in Savannah, Georgia, a beloved daughter of the
5 late George and Leila Mines; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones graduated from Beach High School in 1944, then attended Georgia
7 State College (now Savannah State University), but her love for people and nursing led her
8 to transfer to Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, where she graduated in
9 1949 with a bachelor's degree in nursing; she also studied at Armstrong State College, the
10 University of North Carolina School of Public Health at Chapel Hill, and attended numerous
11 workshops through the Medical College of Georgia and Emory University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was a pioneer for African American nurses in Savannah, Georgia;
13 she led efforts to secure a state grant that funded a genetic hematology clinic in Savannah,
14 and she was an active member of the Georgia Nurses Association and a founding board
15 member of the Sickle Cell Association of Savannah, Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Jones was an active and life-long
17 member of Mount Zion Baptist Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was united in love and marriage to the late Johnnie Paul Jones, Sr.,
19 and was blessed with a remarkable son, Johnnie Paul Jones, Jr., and

20 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
22 her family and friends were admired by others; 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, Mrs. Jones will long be remembered for
27 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, and friend will be missed by
28 all who had the great fortune of 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 Parnell Mines Jones and express a very deep and
31 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 Parnell Mines Jones.