

Senate Resolution 945

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Hilda K. James; 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 Hilda K. James on January 22, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hilda served Butts County for nearly 21 years as tax commissioner, taking
5 office in May of 1983; and
- 6 WHEREAS, upon taking office, she made it her business to learn everything she could about
7 the operation, improving it where it needed to be improved and ensuring that her staff put
8 customer service in every transaction handled in the Butts County Tax Commissioner's
9 Office; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she became well known around this state as a resource of knowledge and
11 information, and her colleagues from other counties in Georgia often sought her advice; and
- 12 WHEREAS, within the local government, Hilda was known for her ability to work with other
13 elected and appointed officials to solve common problems and kept a friendly and
14 professional working relationship with many Boards of Commissioners, county
15 administrators, and county clerks through the years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, for more than two decades, Hilda could be counted on to help the public, always
17 making herself available to citizens who had questions or who needed to understand their
18 taxes, and during those years she came in contact with most of the people who lived in the
19 county; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she was honored by the community and her profession several times, including
21 being named Georgia's Tax Commissioner of the Year; Hilda was known for getting her

22 work done quickly and was often the first tax commissioner in this state to deliver the
23 completed tax digest to the Department of Revenue; and

24 WHEREAS, Hilda was united in love and marriage to the late Aubrey James and was blessed
25 with two remarkable children, Nancy and Wesley, four wonderful grandchildren, and one
26 great-grandson; and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Hilda will long be remembered for her
34 love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentlewoman and friend will be missed by all
35 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 join in honoring the life and memory of Hilda K. James and express their deepest and most
38 sincere regret at her passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Hilda K. James.