

Senate Resolution 956

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of John E. Matthews; 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 John E. Matthews on November 6, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, John was born in Long Island, New York, a beloved son of Elbert Wilson
5 Matthews and Lucy Rini Matthews; and

6 WHEREAS, a product of Savannah-area schools, he built a successful career in accounting
7 but made an even bigger name for himself through volunteer activities and personal
8 friendships; and

9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, John was an active member and deacon of
10 Savannah Christian Church; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as president of the Rotary Club of Savannah East, as chairman of the
12 Savannah Corporate Academy Board of Directors, and as a Love Mentor to at-risk students;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, John was also CFO for the Christian organization Nurses for the Nation, that
15 provides health care services in third-world countries; and

16 WHEREAS, a graduate of Armstrong State College, he served as the 6th district
17 representative on the school board from 1989-1997; and

18 WHEREAS, John was united in love and marriage to Penny Price-Matthews, and was
19 blessed with three remarkable children, Olivia, Erinn, and Adam, and three wonderful
20 grandchildren, Hunter, Trace, and Mason; and

21 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
23 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, John will long be remembered for his love
28 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
29 the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of John E. Matthews and express their deepest and most
32 sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of John E. Matthews.