

Senate Resolution 967

By: Senators Golden of the 8th and Burke of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Martitia "Marty" Martin Jones; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Martitia "Marty" Martin Jones, R.N., was born on June 20, 1955, and was a
3 resident of Barwick, Georgia, residing in the 8th Senate District and 175th House District,
4 where she was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, and grandmother and an active member
5 of New Covenant Church of Thomasville; and

6 WHEREAS, at an early age, Marty Jones made a decision to spend her life caring for and
7 serving her fellow man, earning her nursing degree from Medical Center of Central Georgia
8 School of Nursing in 1976 as one of the Archbold - Beard Scholars; and

9 WHEREAS, upon graduation, she joined the nursing staff at John D. Archbold Memorial
10 Hospital in Thomasville where, for nearly 38 years, she remained an integral part of the
11 patient care team, serving in many roles as a registered nurse and nurse leader throughout the
12 organization, including positions with 4-West, Admitting, Outpatient Surgery, and
13 Pre-Admission Testing; and

14 WHEREAS, a caregiver to her core, Marty Jones' positive attitude, her constant smile, her
15 servant's heart and, most importantly, her commitment to her patients led to her selection in
16 2000 as Archbold Medical Center's Employee of the Year, singled out for that high honor
17 from among more than 2,700 of her peers and co-workers; and

18 WHEREAS, in the evening hours of February 9, 2014, after witnessing a motor vehicle
19 accident on U.S. Highway 84 in Lowndes County, Georgia, Marty Jones and her husband,
20 Dana, immediately sprang into action without a thought for their own safety, providing care
21 and aid to the accident victims while awaiting emergency medical responders; and

22 WHEREAS, acting as a Good Samaritan nurse and caregiver at the roadside, Marty Jones
23 refused to abandon a patient in her care even in the face of imminent and immediate danger,

24 a brave and unselfish decision that led to her death in a subsequent motor vehicle accident
25 at the scene.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 GEORGIA that its members do hereby honor, memorialize, and pay tribute to Martitia
28 "Marty" Martin Jones not only for her unselfish acts of heroism on February 9, 2014, but also
29 for her lifetime of care and service to others; furthermore, the members of the Georgia
30 General Assembly express and convey their deepest sympathies and condolences to her
31 family, friends, co-workers, and patients as they grieve her loss.

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 Martitia "Marty" Martin
34 Jones.