

## Senate Resolution 122

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th and James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Edwin A. Thompson, Sr.; 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 Dr. Edwin A. Thompson, Sr., January 25, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson graduated from Morehouse College in 1949, earned his master's  
5 degree from New York University in 1957, his education specialist degree from Atlanta  
6 University in 1965, and his doctorate from Auburn University in 1973; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a teacher and coach at Vidalia Public Schools, the Area Superintendent  
8 and director of Federal Programs, an assistant superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools, the  
9 founding president of Atlanta Junior College, and President Emeritus of Atlanta Metropolitan  
10 College; and

11 WHEREAS, he was honored with the "Man of the Year in Education," Y's Men Award,  
12 "Service Above Self" Rotary Award, Distinguished Service Award in 1995 and 1996, Bronze  
13 Jubilee Award, John A. Conant Award, Morehouse College National Alumni Education  
14 Association Award, and was a I/D/E.A. Fellow with the Kettering Foundation; and

15 WHEREAS, he was professionally affiliated with the American Association of Community  
16 & Junior Colleges, on the Commission of Governmental Affairs; American Association of  
17 Community and Junior Colleges, Board of Directors; the National Education Association as  
18 a Life Member; and Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, College Commission, and  
19 Executive Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, he was personally associated with the Governor's Commission on Adult  
21 Literacy, GA Literacy Action, Inc., Board of Directors; Metropolitan Atlanta Red Cross,  
22 Board of Directors; Leadership Atlanta; Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Atlanta,  
23 Managing & Corporate Boards of Directors; Grady Homes Boys Club, Board of Directors

24 as Chairman; Metropolitan Atlanta USO, Board of Directors; Atlanta Area Services for the  
25 Blind, Board of Directors, Metropolitan Atlanta Public Broadcasting Council, Board of  
26 Directors as Chairman; Boy Scouts of America, Camp J.K. Orr, as Director; Morehouse  
27 College National Alumni Association as a Life Member; and Atlanta Area Technical School,  
28 Executive Advisory Board; and

29 WHEREAS, he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity,  
30 Kappa Boule'; Phi Delta Kappa; and the Knights of Columbus; and

31 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Thompson was an active member of St.  
32 Paul of the Cross Catholic Church; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson was united in love and marriage to Ernestine and was blessed  
34 with two remarkable children, Edwin, Jr., and Karen.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Edwin A. Thompson, Sr., and express their  
37 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Dr.  
40 Edwin A. Thompson, Sr.