

Senate Resolution 178

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Anna Peterson; 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 Anna Peterson on January 28, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Anna Peterson was born on October 18, 1915, in Greensboro, Georgia, a
5 beloved daughter of John Byrd and Willie Mae Adams Byrd; and
- 6 WHEREAS, upon her graduation from Booker T. Washington High School in 1934, she
7 worked at Rich's Department Store as an elevator operator until she became a licensed
8 Practical Nurse; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Anna led a life of service to the Lord, joining Bethlehem Church of God
10 Holiness at an early age and serving in various capacities throughout her life; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she enjoyed participating in church auxiliaries such as the Sunshine Band,
12 Purity Club, Young Girls Christian League, Junior and Senior Choir, and Matrons Christians
13 League; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she served as an assistant Sunday School teacher, captain of Club #12, and
15 secretary of Sunday School Class #6 and was an original inductee into the Golden Fifty club;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Brown Meadows in 1936, and was
18 blessed with seven remarkable children, Winston, Charles, Willie, Gabriel, Donald, Barbara,
19 and Sandra, 21 wonderful grandchildren, and 33 exceptional great-grandchildren; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Anna shared a brief but loving marriage with Leroy Peterson, whom she
21 married in 1987 and loved and cared for until he passed away; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Anna Peterson will long be remembered
29 for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, and friend will be missed
30 by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Anna Peterson and express their deepest and most
33 sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Anna
36 Peterson.