

## Senate Resolution 183

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 Angeline Jennifer Louise Thornton Portis; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Angeline Jennifer Louise Thornton Portis; and

5 WHEREAS, Jennifer was born on October 20, 1946, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved daughter  
6 of William C. and Angeline Graham Thornton, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, she attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, graduated from Henry  
8 McNeal Turner High School in 1965 and Knoxville College in 1969, and earned a master's  
9 degree from Georgia State University; and

10 WHEREAS, she began her distinguished teaching career with the Atlanta Public School  
11 System in 1969 at Frederick Douglass High School and then went on to teach at North Fulton  
12 High School and W.A. Sutton Middle School, where she taught Georgia History for more  
13 than 20 years and received the honor of being named Sutton's Teacher of the Year in 1999;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Jennifer was an active member of St. Paul  
16 of the Cross Catholic Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Jennifer was united in love and marriage to Thomas Portis, Sr., and was blessed  
18 with two remarkable sons, Thomas Jr., and Christopher, and a wonderful grandson, Jack; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Jennifer will long be remembered for  
26 her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
27 knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Angeline Jennifer Louise Thornton Portis and  
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
33 Angeline Jennifer Louise Thornton Portis.