

Senate Resolution 418

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Linda Womack; 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 Linda Womack on February 28, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Linda Womack graduated from Middle Georgia College and Georgia Southern
5 University before she began her career in Washington, D.C., where she served on the staff
6 of her own member of Congress from Georgia, working in the areas of constituent services
7 and special projects; and

8 WHEREAS, she worked in governmental and public affairs for more than 40 years, and she
9 spent the past 15 years working in health care; and

10 WHEREAS, she was the director of state government affairs at Emory University for the past
11 15 years, where she served as Emory's voice with elected officials at the state level on issues
12 that affected academics, medical research, higher education, health care, students, and
13 patients; and

14 WHEREAS, prior to joining Emory University, she served as state government regional
15 manager for the Warner Lambert company, where she was responsible for ten Southeastern
16 states; and

17 WHEREAS, she represented Warner Lambert before state legislatures, Medicaid agencies,
18 boards of pharmacy and medicine, and other health care agencies and regulatory bodies, and
19 she developed appropriate legislative and regulatory strategies on legislation and regulations;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, while at Warner Lambert, Linda Womack was twice honored as a recipient in
22 the Winners Circle program, designed to acknowledge the company's very top performers,

23 and she received the National Management Achievement Award and served as both chair and
24 vice chair of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association's Georgia Task
25 Force; and

26 WHEREAS, Linda Womack worked in the electric utility industry for 17 years, where she
27 established the first Governmental Affairs Department for Oglethorpe Power and was
28 responsible for legislative and regulatory proposals and analyzing and formulating company
29 policy and position; and

30 WHEREAS, she implemented strategies to address and resolve issues and represented
31 Oglethorpe Power with the Georgia General Assembly, the Georgia Congressional
32 Delegation, Georgia's Public Service Commission, and the environmental and other
33 regulatory agencies; and

34 WHEREAS, Linda Womack was a member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce
35 Governmental Affairs Council for 33 years, and she served as chair of that council for a
36 two-year term; and

37 WHEREAS, she chaired the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Council's
38 Labor and Employment Committee and was a member of the Health, Judiciary, Education,
39 and General Business Committees; and

40 WHEREAS, Linda Womack served on the Wesley Woods Long Term Care Hospital Board
41 and on the Mental Health and Aging Policy Committee, a coalition of individuals
42 representing organizations in Georgia that are committed to issues affecting aging and mental
43 health; and

44 WHEREAS, she was a member of the Georgia Hospital Association's Lobbying Committee
45 and worked with the Medical Association of Georgia and specialty societies including
46 Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, Georgia Association of Anesthesiology, Georgia Chapter
47 American Society of Pediatrics, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, Georgia College
48 of Emergency Physicians, and Georgia Radiological Society; and

49 WHEREAS, Linda Womack worked with the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians and
50 health advocacy groups that include the Georgia chapters of the American Cancer Society,
51 American Heart Association, the Diabetes Foundation, the National Alliance for the Mentally
52 Ill, and Families First of Georgia; and

53 WHEREAS, Linda Womack devoted her life to making the State of Georgia a better place
54 in which to live and worked tirelessly towards that goal for more than 40 years; and

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

58 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Linda Womack will long be remembered for her
59 many great contributions to this state, and this distinguished lady will be missed by all who
60 had the great fortune of knowing her.

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
62 join in honoring the life and memory of Linda Womack and express their deepest and most
63 sincere regret at her passing.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
65 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
66 Linda Womack.