

Senate Resolution 673

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and expressing regret at the passing of Dr. Louise Thornton Hollowell; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of Dr. Louise Thornton Hollowell, a
4 charming centenarian, entrepreneur, humanitarian, Civil Rights supporter, educator, author,
5 community leader, and one of Georgia's most distinguished citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Louise Thornton Hollowell was born in Iron City, Georgia, in 1908 and was the
7 only child of Benjamin and Lilla Scott Thornton; and

8 WHEREAS, she studied cosmetology in New York, after which she moved to Atlanta to help
9 establish APEX Beauty School, where she served as lead teacher; she later founded Modelle
10 Beauty Salon, which she operated on historic Auburn Avenue; and

11 WHEREAS, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Morris Brown College, and later
12 completed advanced studies and research with additional degrees from Atlanta University,
13 the University of Chicago, Boston University, and the University of Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, she was a charter member of Alpha Kappa Mu and Omicron Delta Kappa
15 Honor Societies and was initiated into the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
16 Sorority, Inc., in 1942; and

17 WHEREAS, she served as a Morris Brown College faculty member with distinction for 35
18 years and was elected Professor Emeritus; and

19 WHEREAS, she was an active member of the Morris Brown College Board of Trustees from
20 1989 to 2003, as well as Trustee Emeritus for 12 years; and

21 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Donald Lee Hollowell, who later became
22 an acclaimed civil rights attorney; the loving couple spent many years of their lives actively
23 involved in the Civil Rights Movement, and she supported and traveled with her husband
24 while they worked together for justice and freedom for humanity; and

25 WHEREAS, she was a founding member of Atlanta National Bar and Bench Spouses;
26 Atlanta Barrister Wives; a Life Member of the Atlanta NAACP; the National Alumni
27 Associations of Morris Brown College and Clark Atlanta University; and the Georgia
28 Democratic Party and National Democratic Party; and

29 WHEREAS, she has been awarded many honors and significant accolades during her
30 lifetime from the National Council of Negro Women and the Foot Soldiers Project for Civil
31 Rights at the University of Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
33 for her fellow citizens, with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness,
34 and kindness, and by the example she made of her life, she made this world a better place in
35 which to live; and

36 WHEREAS, this compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Louise Hollowell, will long be
37 remembered for her love of family and friends, and she will be missed by all who had the
38 great fortune of knowing her.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Louise Thornton Hollowell and express their
41 deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Dr.
44 Louise Thornton Hollowell.