

Senate Resolution 862

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Anne C. Forsyth and recognizing the Stouffer Scholars; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Anne C. Stouffer Foundation was established in 1967 by Anne C. Forsyth
4 to promote the integration of preparatory schools in the South, benefiting both black and
5 white students alike, and to show the community the intelligence and kind demeanor of black
6 students; and

7 WHEREAS, over its eight years of operation, the foundation helped 142 students, chiefly
8 African Americans, gain admission to 22 preparatory schools in Florida, Alabama, Georgia,
9 North Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington, D.C.; and

10 WHEREAS, by 1975, the foundation's goal of preparatory school integration was largely
11 achieved, and the program was concluded; and

12 WHEREAS, the students were given scholarships to formerly all-white preparatory schools
13 in the South and were so successful that many of them later attended prestigious universities;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the foundation's impact is still felt, as many of the preparatory schools that
16 participated in the program have now established their own scholarship programs and
17 actively recruit black and other minority students; and

18 WHEREAS, the Stouffer Scholars are having a reunion from February 5-7, 2016, to honor
19 the life and memory of Anne C. Forsyth and to celebrate her passion and commitment to
20 integration in the South and their own success.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 honor the life and memory of Anne C. Forsyth and recognize the Stouffer Scholars.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Anne
25 C. Forsyth and the Stouffer Scholars.