

Senate Resolution 937

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Dorothy C. Benson as the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2016; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson is a 94 year-old activist, organizer, leader, equestrian, and
4 trendsetter who is very proactive about ensuring that Georgia has things properly in place for
5 older Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson worked for a senator in her early years and helped to start
7 numerous organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, she has a plot in the local community garden and teaches stained glass classes
9 at a local community school; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson has been a lifelong champion for aging issues, particularly
11 affordable housing and transportation, and received the Martha Eaves Positive Change
12 Award in 2009 for her exemplary service in the aging community; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson is well-known for her achievements in the Rotary Club, United
14 States Pony Club, Girl Scouts, Fulton Parks and Recreation's Community Gardens, and the
15 Friends of Benson nonprofit at the Fulton Center and was the inspiration for the beautiful
16 Dorothy C. Benson Multi-Purpose Senior Facility in North Fulton; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson continues to attend regular meetings and remains an engaged
18 participant in her various committee positions; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Benson is omnipresent, advocating for seniors at the capitol or at
20 municipality, county, or regional commission meetings, a leader who strongly encourages
21 senior advocates to attend Senior Week at the capitol and county budget hearings; and

22 WHEREAS, she remains active and physically fit and did not spend any time in a
23 rehabilitation program after a full knee replacement as she approached 90 years.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Ms. Dorothy C. Benson as the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2016.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms. Dorothy C.
28 Benson.