

Senate Resolution 1011

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ms. Nadine Mathews Lawson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Nadine Mathews Lawson was born on May 28, 1932, in Greenville,
3 Georgia, to Inez and Conley Mathews; and

4 WHEREAS, a hard-working and determined individual, Ms. Lawson balanced picking
5 peaches in the daytime and working at the pepper plant in the evening to help support her
6 family with her academic and extracurricular interests, which included social studies, home
7 economics, and history as well as the 4-H Club, school sing-a-longs, basketball, and poetry
8 recitation; and

9 WHEREAS, she attended Clark College, where she earned her degree in Social Studies,
10 Secondary Education, and Childhood Education, and later earned her Masters degree while
11 simultaneously working as a teacher; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Lawson selflessly served Atlanta Public Schools, working at Anderson
13 Park for 11 years as one of the first African American teachers to integrate the school system,
14 at Arkwright Elementary School for 20 years, and throughout Atlanta as a substitute teacher
15 for 20 years; and

16 WHEREAS, active in her community, she is a member of The Lively Ones bridge club and
17 a founding member of The Crystals; and

18 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding spiritual faith, she is an active member of
19 Cascade United Methodist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Lawson is blessed with one remarkable daughter, Donnà Tamia, and one
21 wonderful grandson, Jaray Malik; and

22 WHEREAS, despite battling two forms of cancer, she is an exceptionally loving and caring
23 woman, known by her family and friends for her genuine personality and generous nature;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
26 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, it is abundantly proper that this state recognize
27 Ms. Nadine Mathews Lawson.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize Ms. Nadine Mathews Lawson for her contributions to the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms. Nadine
32 Mathews Lawson.