

Senate Resolution 1058

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Andrews Chapel United Methodist Women; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, it was shortly after the organization of Andrews Chapel Methodist Episcopal
3 Church in 1875 that two groups of ladies gathered for the purpose of establishing the Ladies
4 Aid and Missionary Society, and both groups began to serve in Jonesboro; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1939, the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society united and became known as
6 the Women's Society of Christian Service and, for the next 26 years, these women continued
7 to take on endeavors instrumental to the church, including the beautification of the first
8 sanctuary erected at 122 Watterson Street; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1965, the first Women's Day Program was held on the third Sunday in
10 November under the presidency of the late Zilla Thurman, and in 1968, when the Methodist
11 Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united, the name changed to Methodist
12 Women; the last and final name change occurred in 1971 due to the merger of the white and
13 black conferences, and the name United Methodist Women or UMW has been in existence
14 for the past 44 years; and

15 WHEREAS, since the early 1930s, this group of women understood their purpose and
16 decided to become faithful witnesses of God through United Methodist Women, and they
17 worked untiringly to ensure that our local church had the best to offer in the way of
18 carpeting, paint, pews, and curtains; and

19 WHEREAS, they graciously gave their time back to the community by volunteering to feed
20 the homeless, cleaning the church for homecomings and anniversaries, organizing fundraisers
21 to support the church's budget, purchasing items needed for the church, and participating in
22 every aspect in the life of our church; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Rena McElrath serves as the current president, and some of the past
24 presidents were Mrs. Aria Brown, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Ida Crowder, Mrs. Odie Bell
25 Ballard Root, Mrs. Pinkie F. Arnold, Mrs. Zilla Thurman, Mrs. Harriett Taylor, Mrs. Rozzie
26 Ballard, Mrs. Eula V. Arnold, Mrs. Cynthia Hollins, Mrs. Pauline Hodges, Dr. D. Ann
27 Travis, Mrs. Georgia Johnson, Mrs. Esther Alexander, Mrs. Sabrina Kennedy, and Mrs.
28 Ruthie Moore; and

29 WHEREAS, the ladies of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Women renew faith and
30 continue to enhance local fellowship through a myriad of activities, including hosting
31 quarterly prayer breakfasts where ministers from the local church and surrounding
32 community speak the word of God; preparing health kits for UMCOR; spending a lovely
33 evening of dining and entertainment during the Ladies in Pearls Soiree; donating school
34 supplies to assist families in the local community; preparing meals for the Valentine's
35 Celebration with the Youth Bible Study Group; bestowing gifts of love to the men on
36 Father's Day; attending the Griffin and North Georgia Conference meetings; assisting with
37 meal preparation for the homeless shelter in Forest Park; and implementing a mission trip to
38 Haiti in November, 2015; and

39 WHEREAS, Andrews Chapel United Methodist Women provide and support leadership
40 development of its members, thereby equipping them to be leaders in the church, community,
41 and nation.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 commend Andrews Chapel United Methodist Women for their outstanding public service
44 and extend to them our best wishes for continued health and happiness.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Andrews Chapel
47 United Methodist Women.