

Senate Resolution 1109

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Irene M. Richardson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene M. Richardson is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Quality
- 3 Living Services for Senior Citizens (QLS); and
- 4 WHEREAS, QLS provides various services to meet the needs of senior citizens, including
- 5 housing, recreational and cultural activities, empowerment seminars, transportation services,
- 6 nutrition and meals, health education and screenings, computer training, day trips, and short
- 7 overnight outings; and
- 8 WHEREAS, while taking a class on gerontology at Georgia State University, Mrs.
- 9 Richardson and her sister, Sandra P. Lacefield, created a project to address the un-met needs
- 10 of the elderly; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a small group of like-minded women began meeting in 1985 to discuss services
- 12 for senior citizens, and as a result, a class project evolved into a thriving incorporated
- 13 nonprofit organization which helps identify resources, provide better access to services, and
- 14 empower seniors; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson's knowledge, skills, creativity, and resourcefulness led her to
- 16 grow a single senior citizens activity center, the QLS Center, into multiple housing
- 17 communities for seniors, which include QLS Gardens, a 202 unit apartment complex; QLS
- 18 Haven, which has 120 cottage units; QLS Villas, which has 64 mid-rise apartments; and QLS
- 19 Meadows, which has 94 senior bungalows; and
- 20 WHEREAS, her commitment to ensuring that seniors have a quality and fulfilled life also
- 21 led her to assemble a team to develop the QLS Social Service Department, which links
- 22 residents to services in Atlanta and South Fulton; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson further guided the creation of the QLS Endowment Fund to  
24 help ensure the perpetuity of QLS and all it has to offer; and

25 WHEREAS, Quality Living Services, Inc., is an organization that strives to ensure seniors  
26 gain greater accessibility to the services necessary to lead safe, meaningful, healthy, and  
27 dignified lives.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize and commend the dedicated service of Mrs. Irene M. Richardson and thank her for  
30 the many lives she has enhanced through her community work, mentorship, and leadership.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs. Irene M.  
33 Richardson.