

Senate Resolution 1233

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ola Reynolds for her vital role in community leadership; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ola Reynolds has been active in her community for more than 40 years as an
4 advocate for community development, education attainment, affordable housing, equity in
5 distribution of services, and all other components that help to maintain our neighborhoods
6 and keep our communities safe and livable; and

7 WHEREAS, as a resident of the Monroe Heights community located in West Atlanta
8 Heights, a lot of her community experience within the City of Atlanta has been through her
9 work with Neighborhood Planning Unit-G as secretary from 1995 to 2003, vice chair from
10 2003 to 2005 and 2015 to present, and chair from 2005 to 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta established a Neighborhood Planning Unit system in 1974
12 to provide an opportunity for people to participate in the Comprehensive Development Plans
13 for the city's future as members of citizen advisory councils that make recommendations to
14 the mayor and city council on zoning, land use, and other planning issues so as to help make
15 decisions that best meet the needs of individual communities and the entire city; and

16 WHEREAS, Ola's background and other community involvement includes Georgia
17 STAND-UP Policy Institute for Civic Leadership (graduate), Department of Planning and
18 Community Development Neighborhood Deputies Program, Atlanta Citizens Emergency
19 Response Team, co-chair and chair for the Community Building Coalition of Northwest
20 Atlanta, Fulton County Public Art Committee, PTA president at John Carey Elementary
21 School, Urban Alternative Ministry, Atlanta Mission, St. Jude, and Making Strides Against
22 Breast Cancer; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a woman of deep and abiding faith whose years of service as a member
24 of the True Light Baptist Church include Sunday school teacher, youth ministry leader, choir

25 member, deaconess ministry chair, new members coordinator, assistant superintendent, and
26 baptism preparation coordinator; and

27 WHEREAS, Ola is married and blessed with four remarkable sons, 17 wonderful
28 grandchildren, and two amazing great-grandsons; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
30 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend Ola Reynolds for her steadfast dedication, remarkable patience and
33 diplomacy, wise counsel, and leadership.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ola Reynolds.