

Senate Resolution 1242

By: Senators Martin of the 9th and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Ms. Harriett Coffee on the grand occasion of her 100th birthday; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Harriett Coffee, an East Point native, was a teacher at Lawrenceville
4 Elementary School for 15 years before her retirement in 1982, and a career in education
5 followed in the footsteps of her parents, who were both teachers; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Coffee's teaching career began at 19 years old when she spent two years
7 in Pike County from 1935-37 in what turned out to be a combined fourth- and fifth-grade
8 class of 50 students; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1938, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Frank, and they
10 were blessed with four wonderful children, Sandra, Joel, David, and Jane; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Coffee moved to Atlanta after her marriage to be near her parents in
12 College Park, and she attended Cox College in College Park and Georgia Evening College,
13 which is now Georgia State University, before finishing her degree at the University of
14 Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Coffee taught second-grade students at Lawrenceville Elementary about
16 writing in journals and poetry, and she put a lot of effort into planning the annual
17 Thanksgiving feast and play during which her students would dress as pilgrims and Indians;
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19 WHEREAS, Ms. Coffee had a gift of discernment in the classroom, and she set a tone for
20 children that couldn't be found in a textbook or college class; and

21 WHEREAS, she met Jane Going, a fellow teacher at Lawrenceville Elementary, and that
22 relationship developed into a 41 year friendship; and

23 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith and a long-time member of Prospect United
24 Methodist Church, she served as a delegate to the annual Methodist conference for a decade;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 honor Ms. Harriett Coffee on her 100th birthday for her extraordinary accomplishments and
30 years of service to her community and state.

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 Ms. Harriett
33 Coffee.