

Senate Resolution 1246

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Kathryn Parsons Willis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, born and raised in Duluth, Georgia, Kathryn Parsons Willis graduated from
- 3 Duluth High School and Wesleyan College; and
- 4 WHEREAS, co-owner of Parsons Family Stores, where she worked for 61 years before
- 5 retiring, she is the founder of the Duluth Fall Festival, which is held annually on the Duluth
- 6 Town Green, attracting tens of thousands of visitors to Duluth; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
- 8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as evidenced by her
- 9 superlative service on the Board of Directors of the Gwinnett Medical Center for 22 years,
- 10 chairing its Legacy Circle; and
- 11 WHEREAS, her life is a salute to a life of service to Gwinnett County and the City of
- 12 Duluth; Ms. Willis is a faithful member of the Duluth First United Methodist Church and is
- 13 also active in numerous other civic organizations, always working toward the betterment of
- 14 the community; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Ms. Willis's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
- 16 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the
- 17 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
- 18 associates; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
- 20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and
- 21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
- 22 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 honor Kathryn Parsons Willis for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
25 service to the State of Georgia and the City of Duluth.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Kathryn Parsons Willis.