

Senate Resolution 66

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th,
Parent of the 42nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Sandra Gayle Austin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Sandra Gayle Austin on January 13, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sandra Gayle Austin was born on December 3, 1948, in Atlanta, Georgia, a
5 beloved daughter of Oservelle and Samuel Wellmaker; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Kenny, and was blessed
7 with three remarkable children, Kenneth, Kendra, and the late Kelvin, and four wonderful
8 grandchildren, Kendall, Kenadi, Alyssa, and Angela; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Sandra gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep
10 concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she
11 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she diligently devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy
13 toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her
14 superlative 35 years of service as an educator for the DeKalb County School System; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Sandra was a member of the Democratic Party for more than 25 years, and her
16 faithfulness to the Party was only surpassed by her love and faithfulness to her family; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Democratic Party plans to establish an educational scholarship in
18 the name of Sandra Gayle Austin; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
21 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Sandra will long be remembered as an
23 excellent wife and mother, an engaging educator, and a leading figure in the community.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Sandra Gayle Austin and express their deepest and
26 most sincere regret at her passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
29 Sandra Gayle Austin.