

Senate Resolution 282

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Robert L. Collins, Jr.; 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 Dr. Robert L. Collins, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Robert L. Collins, Jr., was born on September 11, 1932, the elder of two
5 children born to Robert and Sarah Collins in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins was a proud member of the Booker T. Washington High School
7 Class of 1949, where his teachers inspired and encouraged him to step out and pursue
8 academic, personal, and professional excellence; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins' quest for knowledge led him to attend Morehouse College in
10 Atlanta, Georgia, where he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and earned
11 a Bachelor's Degree of Science (1953); and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins furthered his education by earning a Master's Degree in Arts (1961)
13 and Doctoral Degree of Educational Leadership from Atlanta University (1977); and
- 14 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins' love of math and science led him to accept a teaching career with
15 the Atlanta Public Schools System as a math and science teacher (1957), but it was not long
16 before his propensity to assess, diagnose, and solve educational issues garnered him the
17 respect of key leaders in the Atlanta Public School System and with the Atlanta Board of
18 Education; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins' 38-year tenure in the district consisted of serving as an Elementary
20 School Principal (1964-1969), Middle School Principal (1970-1973), and High School
21 Principal (1973-1990), as well as in various capacities at the central office level as Assistant

22 to the Area Superintendent, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, and Assistant
23 Superintendent of Transportation, Food Service, and Facilities (1990-1997); and

24 WHEREAS, his work in facilities also gained him recognition from the Georgia Department
25 of Education Facilities Department, where he served as a consultant until 2004; and

26 WHEREAS, Robert L. Collins, Jr., was united in love and marriage to Jean Moore Collins
27 for 59 years, and this union was blessed with three remarkable children, Robin, Judy, and
28 Robert III; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins, an avid golfer, was a member of the Pro Duffers in Atlanta,
30 Georgia, and he participated in many tournaments and community service projects that
31 exposed underprivileged youth to the game of golf; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins was lovingly referred to as "Dr. C." and enjoyed life and lived his
33 life well; he was a positive influence for others, helped change the lives of people around
34 him, including family, friends, colleagues, students, and teachers, and was relentlessly
35 "steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding" in his divine purpose to speak the right words,
36 provide the right experiences, and create the right opportunities that would help others
37 succeed in life; and

38 WHEREAS, Dr. Collins was an inspiration to so many people; will long be remembered for
39 his love of family and friends as well as his genuine concern for others through his
40 generosity, compassion, encouragement, wisdom, and insight, all of which made an indelible
41 mark on each of the lives he touched; and truly will be missed by everyone who had the great
42 fortune of knowing him.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Robert L. Collins, Jr., and express their deepest
45 and most sincere regret at his passing.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
48 Dr. Robert L. Collins, Jr.