

## Senate Resolution 303

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Gladys Brown as the recipient of the Women's Caucus  
2 Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gladys Brown is a proud community leader in Rockdale and surrounding  
4 counties. Commitment, dedication, loyal, responsible, caring, professional, and role model  
5 are only a few words to describe this hard-working individual; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown is a member of Millers Chapel Baptist Church (Mother's Board);  
7 a successful retired office manager of 20 years for Daniel Zedeker, D.D.S., Manhattan, New  
8 York; Member of the Red Hatters Society; Democratic Party Postholder for Post I, Smyrna  
9 area in Conyers, Georgia; and League of Women Voters of Georgia, Conyers branch. In  
10 addition, Mrs. Brown served as treasurer for eight years for former Rockdale County  
11 Chairman and CEO, Mr. Richard Oden, in Conyers, Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Rockdale County Public Schools Foundation awarded Mrs. Brown  
13 with the Champion of Education in the individual award category. Also, Mrs. Brown  
14 received two other prestigious awards, the NAACP Outstanding Service award and Rockdale  
15 Public award; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown is a proud supporter of Edwards Middle School for seven  
17 consecutive years. She has donated more than \$600.00 from her personal funds to help  
18 students and families. Mrs. Brown is a retired wife with an adult son in a different state.  
19 Hence, she has no children in her home, yet she continues to enhance the lives of our future  
20 generation. Mrs. Brown's mission is to help others to reach their dreams and goals by  
21 starting at the basics with food and clothing. Citizens like Mrs. Brown are prime  
22 stakeholders in the realm of education and in the community; and

23 WHEREAS, Edwards Middle School (EMS) takes pride in individuals who volunteer  
24 without hesitation. Aside from her own personal funds and time, Mrs. Brown has

25 volunteered numerous hours by soliciting to the local community to bring funding into the  
26 school for school supplies and for Thanksgiving and Christmas support. She uses her  
27 resources to collect items, literature, and provide connections to assist with school goals and  
28 needs; and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to providing funds to meet students' basic needs, most recently, Mrs.  
30 Brown donated \$250.00 to feed families in transition and families of low income so that  
31 students may have food to eat during the Thanksgiving holidays. Christmas giving was no  
32 exception. Whenever a child is in need of clothing, shoes, or school supplies, and other  
33 entities were exhausted, Mrs. Brown is no stranger to stepping in to give her best. She  
34 believes and lives by the EMS motto, "Every child, every day...whatever it takes"; and

35 WHEREAS, as a mentor to the youth, it is not surprising for Mrs. Brown to have received  
36 the NAACP Outstanding Service award. Her time, commitment, and actions to help others  
37 learn and advance is beyond measure. Her mission to encourage students to apply for  
38 scholarships for higher education is commendable. She offers to serve in any capacity  
39 needed to help her community. Mrs. Brown is a community leader who believes that we all  
40 will succeed if each one helps one. She is hopeful that if someone gets assistance, the  
41 mindset will trigger a cycle for others to lend a helping hand. If there were more people like  
42 Mrs. Gladys Brown, the world would be more productive, healthier, and caring. Her  
43 engagement in our community is beyond measure.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
45 recognize and commend Mrs. Gladys Brown as the recipient of the Women's Caucus Award.

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 Mrs. Gladys  
48 Brown.