

Senate Resolution 308

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 2nd, Black of the 8th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Nadine Thomas as the first African American female to serve
2 in the Georgia State Senate; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Nadine Thomas was born in Ft. Myers, Florida; she received her nursing degree
4 from Edison Community College and continued her studies at Georgia State University and
5 Clayton State University; she is a registered nurse and former director of community
6 outreach for the Grady Health System in Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, after serving in the House of Representatives, Ms. Thomas was elected to the
8 Georgia Senate in 1992 from the then newly created tenth district of DeKalb County, and
9 breaking new ground, began her term as the first African American female in the Georgia
10 State Senate; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas held key positions during her time in the Senate, serving as
12 secretary of the influential Rules Committee and as a member of the Appropriation and
13 Reapportionment Committees; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas also chaired the Interstate Cooperation Committee, which
15 appointment was of historical significance since no female had chaired a standing committee
16 in over 40 years; and

17 WHEREAS, her work highly regarded, in 1994 she was selected as one of only 30
18 government leaders from across the nation to participate in the prestigious Toll Fellowship
19 Program at the University of Kentucky; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas was voted "Freshman Legislator of the Year" by the Georgia
21 Legislative Black Caucus for her outstanding efforts during her first year in the State House;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas received the highest honor bestowed to an elected leader, "The
24 Georgia Key Citizen Award" in 1998 in recognition of extraordinary public service to the
25 cities of Georgia.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Nadine Thomas for her remarkable legislative service and for her
28 groundbreaking achievement of being elected to serve as the first African American female
29 in the Georgia State Senate and extend to her their best wishes for her continued health and
30 happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Nadine Thomas.