

Senate Resolution 341

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Lucas of the 26th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lottie Heywood Watkins; 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 Lottie Heywood Watkins on February 2, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lottie Heywood Watkins was born on June 4, 1918, a beloved daughter of
5 Eddie and Susie Heywood, who attended Booker T. Washington High School's accelerated
6 class in 1935, and later graduated from Reid's School of Business; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was a secretary at the Alexander-Calloway Realty Company and a teller and
8 clerk at the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association until she started Lottie Watkins
9 Enterprises, Inc., a full-service real estate company specializing in property management; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she entered the real estate industry in the early 1960s, becoming the first
11 African American female real estate broker in the Atlanta market, and is highly respected for
12 the contributions she made to civic and social affairs; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she was active with the voter's rights campaign and the Civil Rights movement,
14 as well as several community based organizations, including the American Cancer Society,
15 the NAACP Membership Drive and Freedom Fund Banquet, and the YMCA Membership
16 Drive; in 1977, armed with her polished leadership skills, business savvy, and concern for
17 her fellow citizens, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
20 her family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
23 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Lottie Heywood Watkins will long be
25 remembered for her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great
26 fortune of knowing her.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Lottie Heywood Watkins and express their deepest
29 and most sincere regret at her passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
32 Lottie Heywood Watkins.