

Senate Resolution 380

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Linda A. Klein; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Linda A. Klein, a well-respected and highly distinguished attorney, was elected  
3 in 1997 as the first woman to serve as president of the State Bar of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Klein is senior managing shareholder at Baker Donelson where she just  
5 completed a six-year term on the firm's Board of Directors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she is the current president for the American Bar Association (ABA), the  
7 world's largest voluntary professional association, and has served as chair of the ABA's  
8 House of Delegates, ranked as the second highest office in the ABA; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she has also served as chair of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section,  
10 chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar of the House of Delegates, chair of the  
11 Coalition for Justice, and chair of the ABA's congressional outreach effort; and
- 12 WHEREAS, as president of the ABA, Ms. Klein authors the monthly ABA Journal  
13 President's Messages column; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she was a McGlothlin fellow on the campuses of William and Mary's Business  
15 and Law Schools and delivered the commencement address at the Washington and Lee  
16 School of Law; she was honored with the State Bar of Georgia's Randolph Thrower Award  
17 for Lifetime Achievement and the Distinguished Service Award, its highest honor, as well  
18 as the ABA's prestigious Margaret Brent Achievement Award; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she was an early member and past president of the Board of Directors Network,  
20 a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase diversity on corporate boards and  
21 general counsel positions, and serves on the advisory boards of *Best Lawyers in America* and  
22 *Super Lawyers*; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Klein holds several board of director and executive committee positions  
24 with organizations such as Neighbor to Family, Inc., Southface Energy Institute, the  
25 Buckhead Coalition, the Caucus of State Bars, the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, and the  
26 Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to her numerous published works under the topics of ethics, dispute  
28 resolution, construction, community organization, and litigation, to name a few, Ms. Klein  
29 is also known for her busy lecture schedule throughout the southeast United States and  
30 around the world; and

31 WHEREAS, Ms. Klein has an extensive list of awards, honors, and recognitions, some of  
32 which include being listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Who's Who in America and  
33 Chambers USA, Super Lawyers: Top 100 Lawyers in Georgia, and one of *Georgia Trend*  
34 magazine's 100 Most Powerful and Influential Georgians.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize and commend Linda A. Klein for her contributions to the field of law and her  
37 many outstanding accomplishments and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued  
38 success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Linda A. Klein.