

Senate Resolution 541

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Unterman of the 45th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th and Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Mary N. Long Scholarship; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mary N. Long was born in Guthrie, Kentucky, in 1941; in 1961, she moved to
3 Atlanta to pursue a career in nursing and in 1963 began working at the emergency room at
4 Grady Memorial Hospital; and

5 WHEREAS, as a member of the Georgia Nurses' Association in the early 1970s, she became
6 interested in the activities of the Georgia ERA campaign and was particularly interested in
7 women's reproductive rights, appearing as one of the plaintiffs in the Georgia abortion case,
8 Doe v. Bolton; and

9 WHEREAS, she participated in numerous women's organizations and volunteered for the
10 Georgia Nurses' Association, the Equal Rights Amendment campaign, and the Women's
11 Political Caucus, all the while working the night shift at Grady Hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Long has multiple professional achievements: she founded Georgia's first
13 health clinic for the homeless and served as president of the Georgia Nurses Foundation,
14 president of Friends and Public Health, president of the Georgia Nurses' Association, and
15 chair and active member of the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition; and

16 WHEREAS, she was the first African American and the first nurse to lead the board of the
17 YWCA of Greater Atlanta, as well as the first African American woman to serve as vice
18 chair of the Commission on Children and Youth, and in 1996 she was honored with the
19 YWCA of Greater Atlanta's 13th Anniversary Salute to Women of Achievement; and

20 WHEREAS, she has been honored numerous times for her unwavering commitment to social
21 causes and is a three-time recipient of the Appreciation for Leadership Skills in Government
22 Affairs Certificate from the Georgia Nurses' Association; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 extraordinary citizen be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the Mary N. Long Scholarship.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mary N. Long.