

## Senate Resolution 729

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Payne of the 54th, Heath of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Harbin of the 16th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Allene Harris Magill; 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 Allene Harris Magill on January 27, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Allene was born on December 27, 1943, in Tupelo, Mississippi; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Charles Magill, and was  
6 blessed with two remarkable children, Steve and Tim; and six wonderful grandchildren,  
7 Taylor, Cassidy, Caroline, Riley, Cade, and Ty; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Allene was a tireless advocate for student engagement, professional educators,  
9 and public education throughout her storied 44-year career in education; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy  
11 toward the betterment of her community and state, as evidenced by her superlative service  
12 as the executive director of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) and  
13 as former superintendent of three Georgia school districts; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Allene had many opportunities to provide leadership throughout Georgia and  
15 was often honored for her work, being twice named Georgia's Superintendent of the Year,  
16 and also being named the F.M. Fulbright Outstanding Educator by the Georgia Association  
17 of Educational leaders; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Allene expanded her leadership role by serving on the Board of Regents for the  
19 University System of Georgia and for the Education Turnaround Advisory Council as the  
20 state's new chief turnaround officer for struggling schools; and

21 WHEREAS, Allene was a visionary leader who saw great potential in people and often spoke  
22 of the important lessons she learned at the beginning of her career as an elementary reading  
23 teacher with children of poverty; and

24 WHEREAS, Allene was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
25 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made  
26 of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Allene Harris Magill and express their deepest and  
29 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 Allene Harris Magill.