

Senate Resolution 917

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Martha Wright Barnes; 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 Martha Wright Barnes; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Martha was born the beloved daughter of Ed and Nancy Clemens Wright on  
5 January 12, 1936, and lived in Atlanta's Fourth Ward neighborhood on Linden Avenue; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she demonstrated early signs of leadership, and her parents were very proud of  
7 their daughter's ability to achieve high academic performance in the primary public schools  
8 of Atlanta; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Martha was an avid reader, mathematical whiz kid, and passionate participant  
10 in student government, all of which factored into Martha's graduating from David T. Howard  
11 High School in 1953 in the top 5 percent of her class; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she continued her academic pursuits and entered Clark College at the tender age  
13 of 16, where she continued to realize her great academic and civic success; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Martha held multiple offices in student government, remained on the Dean's  
15 List every semester, and pledged the Alpha Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,  
16 before graduating Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in 1957; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she seamlessly furthered her educational pursuits by receiving a master's degree  
18 in childhood psychology from Atlanta University in 1959; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Martha was united in love and marriage to her husband, Robert Barnes, on  
20 May 1, 1965, and they were blessed with two wonderful children, Roderick and Roberlyn,  
21 and three incredible grandchildren, Travis, Brett, and Ryan; and

22 WHEREAS, this marriage lasted for 50 wonderful years, ending when her beloved husband  
23 passed away in 2015; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 honor and remember the life of Martha Wright Barnes and express their deepest and most  
29 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 Martha Wright Barnes.