

Senate Resolution 68

By: Senators James of the 35th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Doris Yvonne Ward; 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 Doris Yvonne Ward; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Doris Yvonne Ward was born on May 24, 1934, in Carrollton, Georgia, and
5 was a beloved music teacher in the Atlanta Public Schools system for more than 40 years;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, she taught music at John Wesley Dobbs, Lena Jean Campbell, T.H. Slater, and
8 Tull Waters elementary schools; under her guidance, her students performed annually at the
9 Georgia Music Educators Association Choral Festival and achieved Superior and Excellent
10 ratings every year; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Doris earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Fort Valley State
12 College, and accomplished advanced work at Columbia University's Teachers College; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Doris was an active member of Central
14 United Methodist Church, where she worked with the Sunday school ministry, the hospitality
15 ministry, and the United Methodist Women; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Doris deeply loved her family and was an involved, loving, and enthusiastic
17 grandmother to her wonderful grandchildren; and
- 18 WHEREAS, aside from avid community engagement and care for children, Doris was a
19 world traveler and visited Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and Australia; and

20 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
22 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Doris Yvonne Ward and express their deepest and
31 most sincere regret at her passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Doris
34 Yvonne Ward.