

Senate Resolution 542

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and memory of Eva Jewell Greene and Mamie Ella Lane; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Eva Jewell Greene and her daughter, Mamie Ella Lane, have long been
4 recognized by the citizens of this state for their vital role in leadership and their deep
5 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Eva and her daughter were residents of the Shermantown community of Stone
7 Mountain, which has a history of racial strife dating back to the 1960s where it was the
8 setting for Ku Klux Klan rallies and activities; and

9 WHEREAS, Stone Mountain was famously mentioned in Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have
10 a Dream" speech, in which he said, "Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain, Georgia, and
11 throughout the nation"; and

12 WHEREAS, Eva Jewell Greene founded the Stone Mountain Negro Civic League and served
13 as its president for more than two decades; she was also a founder of the DeKalb Economic
14 Opportunity Authority (EOA) in 1966 and served as an EOA director and community
15 organizer for three decades; and

16 WHEREAS, Eva's daughter, Mamie Ella Lane, was the founder of the House of Bethel
17 Church in 1963, which had an outreach ministry that offered Tuesday intercessory prayer in
18 the community and clothed, fed, and educated community children; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1974, Eva and Mamie co-founded the Georgia Citizens Coalition on Hunger,
20 a state-wide coalition of concerned citizens; and, through their humanitarian works, they
21 uplifted many people; and

22 WHEREAS, Eva Jewell Greene and Mamie Ella Lane served with honor and distinction in
23 countless ways, and their vision and unyielding commitment to their community and state
24 set the standard for public service; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the lives of these remarkable and
26 distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized and remembered.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 honor and remember Eva Jewell Greene and Mamie Ella Lane for their efficient, effective,
29 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

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 Eva
32 Jewell Greene and Mamie Ella Lane.