

Senate Resolution 599

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Martha Ann Brown Grier; 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 Ann Brown Grier on January 11, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Martha Ann Brown Grier was born on October 10, 1954, in Rowland, North
5 Carolina, a beloved daughter of the late Alonzo and Thelma Mae Parnell Brown; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha was raised and educated in Fayetteville, North Carolina; she graduated
7 with the Terry Sanford Senior High School Class of 1972; and

8 WHEREAS, after graduation, she enlisted into the United States Army, where she served for
9 14 honorable years, and after traveling the world with her family, she settled in Columbus,
10 Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, while residing in Columbus, Georgia, she was a dedicated special education and
12 substitute teacher in the Muscogee County School District; and

13 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Martha served loyally in her church's
14 nursery; and

15 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her late husband, Harry, and was blessed
16 with three remarkable children, Mariana, Harry, and Tondalaya; eight wonderful
17 grandchildren; and three superb great-grandchildren; and

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

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

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

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