

Senate Resolution 974

By: Senators Williams of the 39th and Jordan of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and memories of Eddie Johnson and Blanche Johnson; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of two of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Eddie Johnson and Blanche Johnson on April 5, 2020, and April 8, 2020,
5 respectively; and

6 WHEREAS, Blanche Johnson, a retired educator with the Atlanta Public School System who
7 graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, attained her bachelor's degree from
8 Alabama State University in primary level education and earned her master's degree in
9 education from Atlanta University, now known as Clark Atlanta University; and

10 WHEREAS, Blanche was an active member of her community and a woman of faith and
11 friendship who showed her love for others as a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's East
12 Point Chapter and as a dedicated member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Eddie Johnson was a retiree of the federal government and the Georgia
14 Department of Corrections, where he served as an inmate classification analyst; and

15 WHEREAS, Eddie graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, attained his
16 bachelor's degree from Morris Brown College, and earned a master's degree in social work
17 from Atlanta University, now Clark Atlanta University; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of Westhills Presbyterian Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Eddie and Blanche Johnson were long-time residents of Southwest Atlanta's
20 Ben Hill Community; and

21 WHEREAS, they were married for 63 years, during which time they were blessed to be the
22 parents of four children, Phyllis Lawson, Vernon Johnson, Mona Kelly, and Jennifer
23 McWhorter, and even more blessed with five amazing granddaughters, Jessica, Sydney,
24 Rachel, Erin, and Courtney; and

25 WHEREAS, Eddie Johnson and Blanche Johnson leave behind a loving family full of sisters,
26 brothers, nieces, nephews, family, and friends, all of whom miss them dearly.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 honor the lives and memories of Eddie Johnson and Blanche Johnson and express their
29 deepest and most sincere regret at their 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 Johnson
32 family.