

Senate Resolution 1041

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Martin of the 9th, Jones of the 10th, Williams of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Monzua Sanders Kolansky on her 99th birthday on July 21, 2020, and
2 commending her for her many contributions to her family and community and for her
3 remarkable concern and care for others; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Monzua Sanders Kolansky was born on July 21, 1921, in Rex, Georgia, to
5 George Washington and Henrietta Hubbard Sanders and had four siblings, Roy Sanders,
6 Blanche Sanders Kyle, Grace Sanders Yarborough, and Marie Sanders Ford; and

7 WHEREAS, she grew up on a farm outside of Rex, Georgia, and experienced the hardship
8 but also the camaraderie of farm life during the Great Depression, anchored by her strong
9 family and faith and her lifetime membership at The Rock Baptist Church in Rex, Georgia;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Monzua met and married the love of her life, Richard Kolansky, a traveling
12 salesman from Pennsylvania, who served in World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, Monzua and her husband were blessed with one child, Rebecca Joy Kolansky,
14 in 1946, and the family shortly thereafter purchased a residence on Harvard Road in Decatur,
15 Georgia, where Monzua still resides; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard's untimely death in 1958 left Monzua with a young child and no visible
17 means of support, causing her to secure employment in the shoe department of the downtown
18 Rich's, where she worked for over 20 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Monzua was able to see her daughter graduate from Druid Hills High School
20 and Stetson University and enter the teaching profession, teaching English at Woodward
21 Academy for many years; and

22 WHEREAS, Monzua loves gardening and made her yard a showplace in her Decatur
23 neighborhood; and

24 WHEREAS, Monzua and her daughter, Joy, were very close, loved talking and being with
25 each other, and planned a special trip together each year; and

26 WHEREAS, Joy was diagnosed with cancer in her late twenties but was able to lead a long
27 and memorable life until her death in December, 2016; and

28 WHEREAS, Monzua continues to talk daily with Don, her son-in-law, with whom she shares
29 a passionate love for all things relating to "her" beloved Braves baseball team; and

30 WHEREAS, Monzua continues to serve as an inspiration to her friends and neighbors with
31 her positive attitude and "can-do" work ethic even though the death of her beloved friend and
32 neighbor, Andy, greatly saddened her this year; and

33 WHEREAS, Monzua's testimony shows how a life can be well-lived with care and concern
34 for others, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding life of this remarkable
35 and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 recognize and commend Monzua Sanders Kolansky for her long and well-lived life and her
38 many contributions to her family, friends, community, and state.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Monzua Sanders
41 Kolansky.