

Senate Resolution 18

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Velma Edith Smith; 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 Velma Edith Smith on November 29, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Velma Edith Smith was born on February 19, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, a
5 beloved daughter of John Cleveland and Rosa Ella Hunter Martin; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and
7 deed, Velma was an active member of several churches throughout her lifetime and an
8 enduring example of God's message of peace and love; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she further displayed a deep devotion to her faith by serving on various boards,
10 including the Usher Board, Senior Choir, and Mother Board; faithfully attending Sunday
11 school; and being involved in many other church activities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her late husband, Rook, and was blessed
13 with eight remarkable children, four boys and four girls; and

14 WHEREAS, she received her early education in the Atlanta Public School System, where
15 she attended Gray Street Elementary and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School
16 before majoring in cosmetology at Spelman College and Morris Brown College; and

17 WHEREAS, her love of gardening, sewing, tailoring, and upholstering translated into the
18 start of her career with Lovable Lingerie Company and Daniel's Men Clothing Store, but she
19 later switched careers and retired from ACE Mailing Courier Services in Smyrna, Georgia;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Velma will long be remembered for her
22 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
23 fortune of knowing her.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Velma Edith Smith and express their deepest and
26 most sincere regret at her passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
29 Velma Edith Smith.