

Senate Resolution 471

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Robena Gaines Flakes; 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 Robena Gaines Flakes on February 5, 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Robena Gaines Flakes was a native of Phenix City, Alabama, who lived a life
5 of service and was best known for her sweet spirit and deep passion for the welfare of
6 children; and

7 WHEREAS, her faith led her to open the Fourth Street Day Care Center, which was the first
8 day care center to receive the Center of Distinction Award from the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Johnny, and was blessed
10 with three remarkable children, Johnny III, Merle, and Sencira, as well as four wonderful
11 grandchildren, Braya, Christina, Catherine, and Kevin; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Robena Gaines Flakes will long be
19 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
20 had the great fortune of knowing her.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join in honoring the life and memory of Robena Gaines Flakes and express their deepest and
23 most sincere regret at her passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
26 Robena Gaines Flakes.