

Senate Resolution 742

By: Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Payne of the 54th, Bearden of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Janice Knight for her selfless acts and service to her community; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Janice Knight of Morgan County, Georgia, retired after 34 years of service
4 to her community, having worked for five years at the University of Georgia Cooperative
5 Extension Office and an impressive 29 years at Adult Protective Services with the Georgia
6 Department of Human Services' Division of Aging Services; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight retired in 2003, she then served as a caregiver for her mother and
8 husband, who suffered from the rare autoimmune disease neuromyelitis optica, and her
9 research and advocacy for others with the same diagnosis led to Governor Kemp's
10 Proclamation in March of 2020 for Neuromyelitis Optica Awareness Month; and

11 WHEREAS, despite the tragic loss of her son and her only child in 2008 in a motorcycle
12 accident, Ms. Knight continues to zealously serve her community, serving on the Walton
13 EMC Operation Round Up Board, the Morgan County Senior Center Advisory Council as
14 chairman, the Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council as secretary, and
15 in a Jail ministry, Single Again ministry, and Family Ties for Grandparents Raising
16 Grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight has also served previously with the American Cancer Society
18 Board, the DFCS board, and the Guardian Angel State Task Force; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight continues to give back to her community by providing monetary
20 donations to local charities, delivering meals to homebound seniors, providing books and a
21 listening ear to comfort those having recently suffered a loss, and playing piano in her church
22 and local nursing homes; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight has been selected as the 2026 Distinguished Older Georgian by the
24 Georgia Council on Aging (GCOA) and is to be honored by the GCOA during the
25 Distinguished Older Georgian ceremony at the state capitol on Wednesday, February 11,
26 2026.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Ms. Janice Knight for her accomplishments, selfless acts, and longtime service to
29 her community; congratulate her upon being selected as the 2026 Distinguished Older
30 Georgian; and extend their sincere best wishes for her continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms. Janice Knight.