

Senate Resolution 767

By: Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Watson of the 1st and Hickman of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Celeste Coleman Shearouse; 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 Celeste Coleman Shearouse of Savannah, Georgia, on January 30, 2026;
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Celeste Coleman Shearouse was born on May 14, 1951, a beloved daughter of
6 Tom and Mary Coleman; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Joseph, and was blessed
8 with four remarkable children, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Stephanie; and 10 wonderful
9 grandchildren, Thomas, Celeste, Lucy, Andie, Finn, Sam, Madeline, Amelia, Claire, and
10 Whelan; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
12 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
13 her family and friends were admired by others; and

14 WHEREAS, Celeste passionately served with St. Joseph's Candler Hospital for 37 years and
15 dedicated innumerable amounts of time and energy to volunteering with SAFE KIDS
16 Savannah; and

17 WHEREAS, along with her father, Tom Coleman, and Sr. Jude Walsh, she founded the St.
18 Vincent's 1845 Foundation for the preservation of the St. Vincent's convent; she also started
19 the first St. Vincent's Athletic Association to help students compete at high levels, foster
20 personal growth, and enhance their athletic experience; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Celeste will long be remembered for her
25 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
26 fortune of knowing her.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Celeste Coleman Shearouse and express their
29 deepest and most sincere regret at her 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 family of
32 Celeste Coleman Shearouse.