

Senate Resolution 97

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ella Mae Lewis; 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 Ella Mae Lewis on January 21, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Ella Mae Lewis was born in Hurtsboro, Alabama, and attended Spencer High
5 School, joining the workforce before her graduation; and

6 WHEREAS, growing up in poverty, Ella knew firsthand the plight of the poor; this
7 experience ignited her passion for helping people in low income communities in the State of
8 Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, as a result of Governor Roy Barnes reconstituting the Muscogee County
10 Democratic Committee in the 1990s, Ella was appointed to serve the citizens of Columbus,
11 Georgia; she was recognized by Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre and Senator
12 Max Cleland at the National Legislative Black Caucus for her work; and

13 WHEREAS, for decades, Ella successfully served on the Muscogee County Democratic
14 Committee as a post committee member, on the Affirmative Action Committee, and with the
15 Democratic Party of Georgia as a state delegate; and

16 WHEREAS, she was rewarded with two prestigious awards, the Jack Brinkley Award and
17 the Trail Blazer Award, for her dedication to excellence and public service; and

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

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ella Mae Lewis will long be
22 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and deep commitment to her community and
23 will be missed by all who had the great 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 Ella Mae Lewis and express their deepest and most
26 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 Ella
29 Mae Lewis.