

Senate Resolution 78

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Burns of the 23rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kathy Hogan Trocheck, who is also recognized
2 internationally under the pen name Mary Kay Andrews; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mary Kay Andrews earned a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University
4 of Georgia and embarked on a 14-year career as a reporter at newspapers such as *The*
5 *Savannah Morning News*, *The Marietta Journal*, and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*
6 before leaving journalism in 1991 to write fiction; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Kay Andrews is the *New York Times* bestselling author of 30 novels,
8 including *The Homewreckers*; *The Santa Suit*; *The Newcomer*; *Hello, Summer*; *Sunset Beach*;
9 *The High Tide Club*; *The Weekenders*; *Beach Town*; *Save the Date*; *Ladies' Night*; *Christmas*
10 *Bliss*; *Spring Fever*; *Summer Rental*; *The Fixer Upper*; *Deep Dish*; *Blue Christmas*;
11 *Savannah Breeze*; *Hissy Fit*; *Little Bitty Lies*; and *Savannah Blues*, as well as one cookbook,
12 *The Beach House Cookbook*; and

13 WHEREAS, after her first novel, *Every Crooked Nanny*, was published in 1992 by
14 *HarperCollins*, she went on to write ten critically acclaimed mysteries under her real name,
15 Kathy Hogan Trocheck; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2002, she assumed the pen name Mary Kay Andrews with the publication
17 of *Savannah Blues*, and in 2006, her novel *Hissy Fit* became her first *New York Times*
18 bestseller, followed by 15 more *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Publisher's Weekly*
19 bestsellers; and

20 WHEREAS, her Georgia-based novels have promoted the state and Southern culture to the
21 world, having been published in German, Italian, Polish, Slovenian, Hungarian, Dutch,
22 Czech, and Japanese; and

23 WHEREAS, she and her family divide their time between Atlanta and Tybee Island, Georgia,
24 where they enjoy cooking up new recipes in three restored beach homes—The Breeze Inn,
25 Ebbside, and Coquina Cottage—all named after fictional places in Mary Kay Andrews'
26 novels and available for rent through Tybee Vacation Rentals; and

27 WHEREAS, in between cooking, spoiling her grandchildren, and plotting her next novel,
28 Mary Kay Andrews is an intrepid treasure hunter who enjoys junking and fixing up old
29 houses; and

30 WHEREAS, she brings joy and happiness to her family, her many friends and neighbors who
31 have the pleasure of knowing her, and millions of readers across the world who are
32 transported by her novels to welcoming beaches, charming Southern towns, and large
33 personalities who can really throw humdinger hissy fits; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 recognize and commend Kathy Hogan Trocheck, also known worldwide as Mary Kay
38 Andrews, for her many outstanding accomplishments and extend best wishes for continued
39 health and happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Kathy Hogan
42 Trocheck.