

Senate Resolution 194

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Mallow of the 2nd, Goodman of the 8th, Merritt of the 9th, Esteves of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carleen Cumberbatch, the 2025 Distinguished Older
2 Georgian; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carleen Cumberbatch has been honored as this year's Distinguished Older
4 Georgian for her more than 30 years of advocacy and volunteer service to the senior citizens
5 of DeKalb County and beyond; and

6 WHEREAS, the Distinguished Older Georgian Award was established in 2003 by the
7 Georgia Council on Aging to recognize individuals over the age of 70 who have served as
8 positive role models and made significant contributions to society through their occupational
9 or volunteer efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, since discovering that DeKalb County offered no services to seniors unless they
11 were homebound or indigent, she has worked to address these gaps through volunteerism,
12 community organizing, and program development; and

13 WHEREAS, she is the founder of the South DeKalb Senior Line Dancers, which she
14 originally formed to encourage women to exercise together once a week by line dancing as
15 well as to advocate for DeKalb County seniors; and

16 WHEREAS, as an AARP volunteer in the 1990s, she conducted workshops and seminars on
17 Medicare, lectured nursing classes at Georgia Perimeter College, and organized and
18 implemented senior group ministries; and

19 WHEREAS, she has further served AARP as an entitlement speaker; community
20 coordinator; district coordinator for DeKalb, Gwinnett, and Rockdale counties; women's
21 specialist for Georgia; and coordinator for Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT)
22 for multiple counties and municipalities; and

23 WHEREAS, Carleen Cumberbatch was appointed to the Housing Authority of DeKalb
24 County Board of Commissioners in 2003, where she now serves as board chair; and

25 WHEREAS, she has additionally served as a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission
26 Advisory Committee on Aging since 2001, commissioner for the NAHRO Board from 2010
27 to 2021, representative for DeKalb County's District 31 in the Georgia Silver Hair
28 Legislature, and more; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding individual be
30 appropriately honored during this special time.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend Carleen Cumberbatch, the 2025 Distinguished Older Georgian, and
33 extend best wishes for future health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Carleen
36 Cumberbatch.