

Senate Resolution 297

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant (Ret.) Mary L. Clements; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sergeant (Ret.) Mary L. Clements served as a guardian of this nation's freedom
3 and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly protecting and supporting her fellow
4 Americans throughout her distinguished military career; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a native of Eatonton, Georgia, she became the first in her family to earn a high
6 school diploma, attend and graduate from college, and enlist in the military, excelling both
7 academically and athletically by earning three full academic and athletic scholarships before
8 choosing to enlist in December 1981; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for creating a mailroom and
10 constructing a secure storage area for body bags during Operation Desert Storm and
11 Operation Desert Shield, both of which greatly increased morale within the command; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after her military service, she earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology and
13 an Associate of Science in physical education, receiving recognition from Who's Who
14 Among Students in American Universities and Colleges while also accumulating over 1,000
15 hours of volunteer service; and

16 WHEREAS, she has dedicated over 30 years to mentoring and youth programs as a Girl
17 Scout leader, coach, referee, Junior Achievement leader, and developer of mentorship and
18 physical fitness programs for at-risk youth; and

19 WHEREAS, she remains an active and committed advocate for veterans as Vice President
20 and Historian of the Atlanta Metro Chapter of the National Association of Black Military
21 Women, a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign
22 Wars, and a chartered member of the Women's Memorial; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Sergeant (Ret.) Mary L. Clements for her exceptional military
27 service, community leadership, and lifelong dedication to uplifting others as well as extend
28 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sergeant (Ret.)
31 Mary L. Clements.