

Senate Resolution 350

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 41st, Davenport of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Alice Mae White Bussey; 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 Alice Mae White Bussey; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Alice Mae White Bussey was born on July 31, 1947, in south DeKalb County,
5 Georgia, the tenth of twelve children born to Oscar Curtis White Sr., a skilled carpenter, and
6 Eula Belle Shepard White, a devoted homemaker; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after completing her higher education in California, she returned to Georgia and
8 served as the state's first Labor Department federal representative, during which time she
9 managed millions of dollars, conducted investigations, and developed programs benefiting
10 the elderly, welfare recipients, and high school dropouts; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she further served as the Federal Women's Program manager for the eight-state
12 Southeastern Region, advocating for policies and programs to support women in the
13 workforce; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1985, Alice Mae White Bussey made history as the first woman elected
15 president of the Atlanta Business League, and after her marriage to florist James Bussey, she
16 embarked on a distinguished career in the floral industry, becoming the first African
17 American FTD florist in Atlanta; and

18 WHEREAS, during her more than 30 years in the industry, she grew her own florist shop
19 from a local retail establishment into an international enterprise, traveling extensively with
20 her husband to develop business markets across the United States, Europe, and Africa; and

21 WHEREAS, she and her husband participated in former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young's
22 historic trade mission to Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados, promoting business
23 opportunities and economic development; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to her many wonderful career achievements, she was a devoted
25 mother to her three adult children as well as a doting grandmother to her grandchild; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Alice Mae White Bussey will long be
27 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
28 had the great fortune of knowing her.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Alice Mae White Bussey and express their deepest
31 and most sincere regret at her passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Alice
34 Mae White Bussey.