

Senate Resolution 438

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st, Kemp of the 38th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dorothy Roberts Pirzad; 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 Dorothy Roberts Pirzad on March 6, 2025; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Roberts Pirzad was born on November 20, 1940, in Pulaski, Virginia,
5 a beloved daughter of Jesse Roberts and Juanita Costigan, and she was deeply influenced by
6 the wisdom and discipline of her grandmother, Bertha Costigan; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she dedicated her life to activism and advocacy, working for civil rights, world
8 peace, and compassionate care, including her service with the National Council of Churches
9 in Manhattan, where she helped organize civil rights action; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was an original staff member of *The Great Speckled Bird*, using her voice
11 to speak truth to power, and she worked with the Vietnam Veterans Center in Atlanta, where
12 she counseled and advocated for veterans in need; and

13 WHEREAS, she was actively engaged in her community, serving as both a political and
14 personal organizer alongside Atlanta legislators and leaders while opening her home to
15 young people in need of shelter, care, and guidance; and

16 WHEREAS, she shared her entrepreneurial and creative talents through numerous ventures,
17 including founding Dragonwyck Wax Works in Washington, D.C., and later nurturing minds
18 and bodies through her paper flower art business in Midtown Atlanta; and

19 WHEREAS, Dorothy Roberts Pirzad was a beloved mother, grandmother, and
20 great-grandmother to Lisa, Lela, Nina, Angelica, Mickey, Audrey, and Welzie June,
21 nurturing their creativity, kindness, and curiosity about the world; and

22 WHEREAS, she formed deep and meaningful connections with friends and loved ones
23 across the world, filling her life with music, art, literature, and photography, capturing the
24 beauty of the world and those around her; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dorothy Roberts Pirzad will long be
26 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Dorothy Roberts Pirzad and express their deepest
30 and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
33 Dorothy Roberts Pirzad.