

Senate Resolution 468

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lottie Watkins; 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 Lottie Watkins; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lottie Watkins was born on June 4, 1918, in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1960, she paved the way for Black real estate professionals and home owners
6 with the founding of Lottie Watkins Enterprises, Inc.; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she selflessly served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1977 to
8 1980, advocating for economic development, civil rights, social justice, and voter rights; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 2023, a marker was installed at the Lottie Watkins building on Ralph David
10 Abernathy Boulevard, in West End, Atlanta, to commemorate her legacy as a trail blazer in
11 real estate, politics, and community development; and

12 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
13 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
14 her family and friends were admired by others; and

15 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
17 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Lottie Watkins will long be remembered
19 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the
20 great fortune of knowing her.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join in honoring the life and memory of Lottie Watkins and express their deepest and most
23 sincere regret at her passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
26 Lottie Watkins.