

Senate Resolution 492

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Wicks of the 34th, Davenport of the 17th, Mangham of the 55th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Hattie B. Dorsey; 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 Hattie B. Dorsey on May 29, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hattie B. Dorsey was a visionary leader and the founding President and CEO
5 of the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.;and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was a tireless advocate for affordable and mixed-income housing, and
7 devoted her life to creating opportunities for families and communities across metro Atlanta;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Hattie B. Dorsey broke racial and gender
10 barriers in government and nonprofit leadership, serving in key roles with the United States
11 Department of the Interior, Mayor Ivan Allen, United States Representative Charles Weltner,
12 and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; and
- 13 WHEREAS, upon returning to Atlanta in 1984, she served as Vice President of the Atlanta
14 Economic Development Corporation, now Invest Atlanta, where she worked to increase

15 minority participation in major redevelopment projects and address the decline of historically
16 Black neighborhoods; and

17 WHEREAS, in partnership with civic leaders, she helped establish Atlanta Neighborhood
18 Development Partnership, Inc., and led the organization for 15 years, securing over \$15
19 million for community development organizations and launching one of the region's first
20 United States Treasury Certified Development Financial Institutions; and

21 WHEREAS, her work laid the foundation for Atlanta's current housing initiatives and
22 inspired a generation of leaders, as well as left behind a powerful legacy of leadership,
23 compassion, and service; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Hattie B. Dorsey will long be
31 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
32 had the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Hattie B. Dorsey and express their deepest and most
35 sincere regret at her passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
38 Hattie B. Dorsey.