

## Senate Resolution 496

By: Senators Brass of the 6th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Norma Haynes; 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 Norma Haynes on March 10, 2025; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Norma Haynes made history in 1980 as Coweta County's first female bailiff,  
5 breaking barriers for women in law enforcement, and she founded the Newnan Coweta  
6 Public Safety Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provided resources and recognition  
7 for first responders throughout the county; and
- 8 WHEREAS, among her most well-known contributions was the establishment of the annual  
9 Public Safety Appreciation Lunch, which grew into a cherished community tradition  
10 honoring the service and sacrifice of local emergency personnel; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Newnan, she played a central role in numerous civic  
12 efforts over the years, including the coordination of Coweta County's celebration of the 1996  
13 Olympic Torch Relay; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of her decades of service, she received the Georgia Sheriffs'  
15 Association Meritorious Award in 2005 and was named the Coweta County Citizen of the  
16 Year in 2022; and

17 WHEREAS, affectionately known as the "Mother of Public Safety" in Coweta County,  
18 Norma Haynes was considered family by the Coweta County Sheriff's Office and was dearly  
19 beloved by the community she served so faithfully; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Norma Haynes will long be remembered  
27 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the  
28 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 Norma Haynes and express their deepest and most  
31 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  
34 Norma Haynes.