

## Senate Resolution 661

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 41st, James of the 28th, Howard of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a membership organization of mothers with  
3 children ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening  
4 children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic  
5 duty; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Marion Stubbs Thomas founded Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on  
7 January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when 20 mothers came together to discuss  
8 creating an organization to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for youth  
9 between the ages of two and 19 and in 1946, ten chapters were involved in the national  
10 restructuring process where a constitution and bylaws were drawn up and the organization  
11 was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware; and

12 WHEREAS, today, this organization has 262 chapters nationwide, representing 50,000  
13 families in seven regions with each chapter planning annual programming activities guided  
14 under a national theme, and through service projects, it creates a medium of contact for  
15 children to stimulate their growth and development; and

16 WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc., is the philanthropic arm of Jack  
17 and Jill of America, Inc., and since its inception in 1968, the Foundation has distributed  
18 millions of dollars to communities all across America; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia is part of the Southeastern Region and home to the 28th National  
20 President Darlene McGhee Wittington and the National Legislative Chair Dorothea "Dee"  
21 Dawkins-Haigler; the other members of the Regional Executive Board include Regional  
22 Director Lisa Ivory, Regional Treasurer Shannon Chambers, Regional Secretary Sha'Rhonda  
23 McRae, and Member-at-Large Leila Jerome Clay; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapters and their respective presidents are as follows: Albany -  
25 Alfreda Sheppard, Athens - Cheryl Sewell, Atlanta - Felicia Nickerson, Augusta - Melissa  
26 Johnson, Buckhead Atlanta - Brianca Cooper, Columbus - Crystal Shahid,  
27 Dunwoody-Atlanta - Terris Ross, East Suburban Atlanta - Tami Thomas, Fayette County  
28 Area - Tash-Marie Cheney Golden Isles - Shontae Buffington, Greater Lake Allatoona - Lisa  
29 McLeod, Greater Metropolitan Atlanta - Tiaudra Shaw, Greater North Atlanta - Tracy  
30 Jimerson, Lake Spivey - Sandea Harris, Macon - Shandra Yarbrough, North Suburban  
31 Atlanta - Dawn Parker, Savannah - Tia Curtis, Southern Crescent - Neanda Andrew, Stone  
32 Mountain - Joy Hall, Valdosta - Jonessa Williams, and West Georgia - Kimberli Brown.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 commend the outstanding work of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and extend their sincere  
35 best wishes for the continued success of this invaluable organization.

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 Jack and Jill of  
38 America, Inc.