

## Senate Resolution 1000

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Still of the 48th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones for her extraordinary service  
2 to the State of Georgia upon the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones, the longest-serving Speaker Pro Tempore in  
4 United States history, is retiring after more than two decades of dedicated service in the  
5 Georgia House of Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, she was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2002 and has  
7 faithfully represented portions of North Fulton and East Cherokee, including the  
8 communities of Milton, Mountain Park, and parts of Roswell and Alpharetta; and

9 WHEREAS, a trailblazer for women in Georgia politics, she was elected Speaker Pro  
10 Tempore in 2010, becoming the first woman to serve in that role and the highest-ranking  
11 woman in Georgia legislative history—she was the first and only woman to date to serve as  
12 a conferee on the General Assembly's budget, and she further made history by serving as  
13 Georgia's first female Speaker of the House during a leadership transition in 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, prior to her election as Speaker Pro Tempore, she served with distinction as  
15 Majority Whip and as Chair of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and

16 WHEREAS, officially named the "Mother of Milton" by the city's Mayor and Council, she  
17 was instrumental in the creation of the City of Milton and led the successful 2006 cityhood  
18 referendum; and

19 WHEREAS, her leadership has focused on improving the lives of women in Georgia and has  
20 resulted in transformative investments and reforms in K-12 and higher education; and

21 WHEREAS, widely regarded as one of the foremost legislative experts on public education  
22 in Georgia, Speaker Pro Tempore Jones has devoted her career to strengthening educational  
23 opportunities and outcomes for students across the state; and

24 WHEREAS, through her leadership and dedication, she made possible lasting policy  
25 achievements that expanded opportunity for Georgia students, including strengthening the  
26 HOPE Scholarship with STEM grade weighting and expanding Georgia's Pre-K program  
27 through increased funding for teacher salaries and additional classrooms; and

28 WHEREAS, her work empowered families and strengthened educational access statewide  
29 by increasing options for students assigned to low-performing schools and establishing a  
30 statewide network of regional public schools serving students at risk of dropping out,  
31 creating additional pathways for success for every learner; and

32 WHEREAS, born in Warner Robins, Georgia, she and her husband, Kalin, have called  
33 Milton home for more than 25 years, and together they have been blessed with four children  
34 and four grandchildren, with a fifth grandchild on the way; and

35 WHEREAS, through her visionary leadership, deep policy expertise, and unwavering  
36 commitment to the people of Georgia, Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones has left an enduring  
37 legacy of service, innovation, and opportunity that will benefit generations to come.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
39 recognize and commend Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones for her outstanding career of public  
40 service and extend their deepest gratitude and best wishes upon the occasion of her  
41 retirement.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Speaker Pro  
44 Tempore Jan Jones.