

Senate Resolution 12EX

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Davenport of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd, Brass of the 6th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Morriscene Watts Thomas; 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 Morriscene Watts Thomas; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Morriscene Watts Thomas was born on November 29, 1928, in Philadelphia
5 Pennsylvania, a beloved daughter of Taylor Harry Stephens and Justine Collier Watts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a beloved educator, she devoted more than 26 years of service to public
7 education, shaping the lives of countless students through her work as a teacher and mentor
8 in the Atlanta Public School System; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she further dedicated innumerable hours of her time and energy toward her
10 community throughout her life, attending civil rights rallies with her friend and classmate,
11 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and participating in numerous activities with the Southern
12 Christian Leadership Conference; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Morriscene Watts Thomas was an active
14 member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Morriscene Watts Thomas was blessed with four remarkable children, Eleanor,
16 Donzella, Mamie, and Lisa; seven wonderful grandchildren, Rhonda, Ralph Jr., Brian,
17 Roman, Martysses, Mark, and Penny; and a host of beloved great- and
18 great-great-grandchildren; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Morriscene Watts Thomas will long be
26 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Morriscene Watts Thomas and express their deepest
30 and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
33 Morriscene Watts Thomas.