

Senate Resolution 1010

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Harper of the 7th, Williams of the 19th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Frankie Quimby; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Frankie Quimby is a Georgia native and citizen who has saved and shared the
3 deep traditions of her cultural heritage; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she is a member of the Georgia Sea Island Singers, a group that since the early
5 1900s has been dedicated to preserving the culture of the Gullah communities on the Georgia
6 coastal islands; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she has educated many Georgians about the history of enslaved Africans near
8 Georgia's coastal islands; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she has celebrated the unique language and traditions of the Gullah
10 communities through slave songs, dances, and games; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was born and raised on the Georgia Sea Islands and is a descendant of
12 former slaves who lived on plantations in Glynn County; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she is the wife of the late Donald Quimby, a distinguished gentleman who was
14 the son of South Georgia sharecroppers and a member of the Georgia Sea Island Singers for
15 more than 35 years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she is known for her powerful oration when celebrating her heritage,
17 particularly, "we are a strong people who know how to survive...and we want everybody to
18 know where we came from"; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she has always been a zealous advocate for the preservation of African culture
20 in Georgia, making it one of her life's goals to celebrate the resiliency of her ancestors in the
21 face of oppression.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend Frankie Quimby for her many accomplishments and wish her many
24 more years of health, happiness, and success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Frankie Quimby.