

Senate Resolution 1047

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Williams of the 39th, Jordan of the 6th, Butler of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Constance Winifred Curry; 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 Constance Winifred Curry on June 20, 2020, at the age of 86; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after studying abroad as a Fulbright Scholar, Constance returned to Atlanta in
5 1960, where she was the first white woman appointed to the executive board of the Student
6 Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC); and
- 7 WHEREAS, from 1964 to 1975, she worked as a field representative for the American
8 Friends Services Committee, and from 1975 to 1990, she served as Atlanta's director of
9 Human Services; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she received numerous accolades for her distinguished record of service, which
11 included recognition for her work as a Fulbright Fellow in France and as a Fellow of the
12 Carter G. Woodson Institute, as well as grants from the Southern Regional Council and the
13 Mississippi Humanities Council; and
- 14 WHEREAS, following her retirement, Constance wrote *Silver Rights*, a book detailing the
15 life of the Carter family in Drew, Mississippi, and their struggle with civil rights; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a warrior for social justice across the country, her home in Midtown has
17 attracted dignitaries, legislators, novelists, historians, friends of the civil rights movement,
18 and hundreds of cats; 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, Constance will long be remembered for
26 her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
27 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 Constance Winifred Curry 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 Constance Winifred Curry.