

Senate Resolution 12

By: Senator Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Peterson family upon their 100th anniversary reunion; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on July 22, 2023, the Peterson family will celebrate their 100th reunion in
4 Ailey, Georgia, an event steeped in Georgia history, family values, and volumes of
5 passed-down recipes; and

6 WHEREAS, the descendants of Joanna Calhoun and William James Peterson's twelve
7 children have gathered annually since 1923 at the family's home, The Old Place, traveling
8 from all over the United States to join together in celebration; and

9 WHEREAS, this special event includes many wonderful traditions that have been honored
10 since its inception, including the inaugural watermelon cutting; the impressive display of
11 dishes and desserts; the family book signing; and the welcome announcement that honors the
12 family's Scottish ancestry, celebrates any new births and marriages, and provides time to
13 remember any who have passed; and

14 WHEREAS, relatives of this distinguished family have been successful business leaders,
15 farmers, and members of the Georgia General Assembly as well as the United States
16 Congress; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to the main occasion, family members visit the nearby Peterson
18 Family Cemetery, the historic Ailey Methodist Church, the bustling downtowns of the cities
19 of Ailey and Vidalia, and the family's several other current and past residences before
20 returning home; and

21 WHEREAS, a family of kind and generous people, the Petersons bring joy and happiness to
22 the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing them; and

23 WHEREAS, this remarkable family serves as an outstanding example of enduring love and
24 kinship, and it is only fitting and proper that they be appropriately honored during this
25 incredibly special and memorable time.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 congratulate the Peterson family upon the grand occasion of their 100th anniversary reunion
28 and extend their most sincere best wishes to each family member for future health and
29 happiness.

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