

Senate Resolution 224

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Norman H. Thomas Sr.; 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 Dr. Norman H. Thomas Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, with more than 30 years of experience, Dr. Norman H. Thomas Sr. dedicated
5 innumerable hours of his time and energy to his community through his PTA service,
6 including his tenures as vice president for education of the National PTA, chairman of the
7 State Presidents' Conference, and the first African American president of the Georgia PTA;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, as additional testament to his exemplary service, he further served as a member
10 of the American Association of School Administrators, the National Alliance of Black
11 School Educators (NABSE), the Morehouse College Alumni Association, Phi Delta Kappa,
12 the NAACP, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Norman H. Thomas Sr. was an active
14 member of First Baptist Church, where he worked with the Deacons' Ministry to train
15 candidates as well as taught classes for his fellow congregants; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Inez, and was blessed with two
17 remarkable children, Angela and Norman Jr., as well as six wonderful grandchildren, Lauren,
18 Norman III, Lindsay, James III, Erin, and Londyn; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Norman H. Thomas Sr. will long be
26 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Norman H. Thomas Sr. and express their deepest
30 and most sincere regret at his 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 Dr.
33 Norman H. Thomas.