

## Senate Resolution 232

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 2nd, Halpern of the 39th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Elaine Ruth Levin; 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 Elaine Ruth Levin on December 18, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Elaine Ruth Levin was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and was raised in
- 5 Clarksburg and Charleston, West Virginia, amidst coal mines and limited opportunity; and
- 6 WHEREAS, living in Birmingham, Alabama, she was united in love and marriage to her
- 7 husband, Harold, who she met on a blind date while he visited from Atlanta for a
- 8 Georgia/Alabama football game; and
- 9 WHEREAS, their union was blessed with three remarkable children, Jan, Jay, and Lauren,
- 10 as well as four wonderful grandchildren, Mica, Arielle, Caleb, and Jeremy; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Elaine Ruth Levin obtained a PhD in psychology from Georgia State
- 12 University, where she became professor emerita and remained close with many of her
- 13 colleagues for the rest of her life; and

14 WHEREAS, an advocate for her clients, she worked as a psychologist for the Jewish Family  
15 and Children's Services while establishing a private practice specializing in issues of dual  
16 career couples, midlife, and aging; and

17 WHEREAS, this distinguished woman donated her professional services to numerous  
18 community organizations, including counseling Hospice of Atlanta patients and co-leading  
19 grief/bereavement groups and career transition workshops at The Temple; and

20 WHEREAS, Elaine Ruth Levin was devoted to The High Museum of Art for over 40 years,  
21 where she served as a member of its exclusive director's circle and was awarded a life  
22 trusteeship; and

23 WHEREAS, she further served as a member of the Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory  
24 University National Leadership Board and played an active role on the Harvard University  
25 Museums Collections Committee, standing as an additional testament to her dedication to  
26 excellence through civic service; and

27 WHEREAS, blessed with an abundance of energy, curiosity, and the ability to pack lightly,  
28 Elaine Ruth Levin loved to travel the world with fellow art aficionados, visiting at least two  
29 museums and three galleries a day; and

30 WHEREAS, at age 80, she climbed Machu Picchu with an accompanying escort,  
31 exemplifying her enduring strength and willpower; and

32 WHEREAS, her distinguished record of service to the community further included working  
33 as a trustee of the American Jewish Committee as well as a member of the board of directors

34 of the Anti-Defamation League, Atlanta Urban League, Planned Parenthood, and the Jewish  
35 Educational Loan Fund; and

36 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Elaine Ruth Levin will long be  
37 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
38 had the great fortune of knowing her.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 join in honoring the life and memory of Elaine Ruth Levin and express their deepest and  
41 most sincere regret at her passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
44 Elaine Ruth Levin.