

Senate Resolution 328

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Rita B. Maynard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, one of Georgia's most distinguished citizens, Rita B. Maynard, died December
3 21, 1995; and
- 4 WHEREAS, raised in Mobile, Alabama, she was born into a large, but close-knit family
5 consisting of her mother, a homemaker, her father, an independent brick mason contractor,
6 and her six siblings; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Heart of Mary High School and entered the Beauty Culture
8 School, where she attained the advanced level of Master of Cosmetology; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after settling in Macon, Georgia, and receiving a cosmetology instructor's
10 license, Rita Maynard opened "Maynard's Beauty School," successfully training young
11 women to become knowledgeable and skillful workers who take pride in their
12 accomplishments; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she offered need based scholarship support and housing for many of her
14 students, and her graduates maintained a consistent 95 percent success rate on passing the
15 Georgia State Board Exam, which enabled them to become positive contributors to their
16 families and the economy of their local areas; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Rita Maynard later opened three beauty shops in the Macon area and created
18 "Learn and Earn," a program that helped students acquire work experience while also
19 providing a source of financial assistance; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she also opened a day care center for disadvantaged children and subsequently
21 opened and operated 14 personal care homes for elderly and disabled persons; and

22 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to Eugene De Melvin Maynard, and was
23 blessed with three remarkable children, Emogene, Patricia, and Walter; and

24 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Rita Maynard was an active member of
25 Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church, helping with fundraising events and providing fresh
26 baked goods; and

27 WHEREAS, she was a member of the PTA and a local social club, and she enjoyed playing
28 bridge, reading about history, and gardening; and she was a green thumb, cultivating and
29 donating many plants from her beautiful garden.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Rita B. Maynard.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Rita B. Maynard.