

Senate Resolution 40

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Malcolm Gilbert 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 Malcolm Gilbert Thomas Sr. on September 22, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Malcolm Gilbert Thomas Sr. was born on July 18, 1925, a beloved son of
5 Minnie Lee and Sherry Haywood Thomas; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
8 II; and

9 WHEREAS, Malcolm was united in love and marriage to his wife, Vera, and was blessed
10 with three remarkable children, Malcolm Jr., Michael Sr., and Mark; five wonderful
11 grandchildren, Monique, Malcolm III, Michael Jr., Lateef, and Inayah; and five outstanding
12 great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Giovanna, Kennedy, Luna, and Layla; and

13 WHEREAS, he began his 35 year career in education as a principal at Springfield Terrace
14 Elementary School in Savannah, Georgia; from there, he served as principal of East Broad
15 Elementary, Cuyler Jr. High, and Scott Jr. High School before retiring in 1983; and

16 WHEREAS, a dedicated member of the community, he further served in many academic and
17 civic organizations, including the Georgia State College Veteran's Club and marching band,
18 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the Falcons Social Club, and the Savannah chapter of the
19 National Guardsmen Association; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man to all who came before him, Malcolm
21 Gilbert Thomas Sr. will long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and
22 community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 join in honoring the life and memory of Malcolm Gilbert Thomas Sr. and express their
25 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
28 Malcolm Gilbert Thomas Sr.