

Senate Resolution 607

By: Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Black of the 8th, Tippins of the 37th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mrs. Eunice Lastinger Mixon as the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2018;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Eunice Lastinger Mixon, a resident of Tifton, Georgia, has served as
4 doorkeeper for the Georgia State Senate for 12 years while widowed, retiring just before her
5 80th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon was awarded the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
7 scholarship recognizing 23 years of service on the Georgia Student Finance Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon was recognized as one of the 40 Most Influential South Georgians
9 by *South Georgia Business Magazine*; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon was recognized as the Distinguished Alumnus of Abraham
11 Baldwin Agricultural College, an award which is given to only one person annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon received the inaugural Eunice L. Mixon Award, created by the
13 State Bar of Georgia to be presented annually to a nonlawyer Georgian for lifetime
14 contributions to the judicial branch of government and encouraging greater respect for the
15 law and our courts, while simultaneously exemplifying a sense of civic responsibility and
16 public service; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon was named one of 25 Women of the 21st Century by a Georgia
18 House of Representatives resolution, and shares this honor with the likes of Rosalyn Carter,
19 Coretta Scott King, Betty Talmadge, and 21 others; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon watched Governor Jimmy Carter turn the first spade of earth for
21 the Georgia Museum of Agriculture, Agrirama, in 1974; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon has served as the Charter Director of Tift County Foundations for
23 Excellence in Education and as the First Chairman of the Georgia Hope Scholarship
24 Committee, where she worked to lay the groundwork and guidelines for the proper
25 administration of the Hope Scholarship; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mixon was appointed by the Georgia State Supreme Court to the
27 Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of Georgia, serving from 1997 until 2013, and also
28 served on the AARP board; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2014, at the age of 82, Mrs. Mixon personally raised more than \$25,000 for
30 Alzheimer's disease by learning a waltz step taught by Dr. Hal Henderson and participating
31 in Dancing Stars of South Georgia where she received the only standing ovation of the
32 evening as well as the People's Choice Award.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members
34 of this body commend Mrs. Eunice Lastinger Mixon as the Distinguished Older Georgian
35 for 2018 and for her dedicated service to the community and state.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of the resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
38 Eunice Lastinger Mixon.