

Senate Resolution 615

By: Senator Martin of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Emily Powell; 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 the Honorable Emily Powell on December 31, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Honorable Emily Powell was born on September 30, 1955, in Richmond,
5 Virginia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Tony, and was blessed with
7 two remarkable children, Jessie and Nathan; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
9 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
10 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was a member of the first Davidson College class to include female students
12 and graduated from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University; and
- 13 WHEREAS, when the Georgia legislature created magistrate courts in 1983, this trailblazing
14 gentlewoman was appointed as one of Gwinnett's original judges, where she sat on the bench
15 for more than 20 years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, after retiring to raise her children, she rejoined the magistrate court as a senior
17 judge, pioneering the growth of the court from its two-room setting into one of the largest
18 magistrate courts in Georgia with two courthouses, 25 judges, and a caseload of around
19 100,000 matters each year; and

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, the Honorable Emily Powell will long
24 be remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all
25 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Emily Powell and express their
28 deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of the
31 Honorable Emily Powell.