

Senate Resolution 673

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Rahman of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Mildred Schmelz, the 2024 Distinguished Older
2 Georgian; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Schmelz has been committed to serving and addressing the needs
4 of seniors for 49 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz was employed for 14.5 years by the Atlanta Legal Aid Society
6 Inc., 12.5 years by the in-house Counsel Division of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta,
7 and 10 years by the Fulton County Government; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz began her advocacy as a family law paralegal and administrative
9 law paralegal; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz as former chair of Henry Council on Aging Inc. organized the
11 first of many visits of Henry County seniors to the Georgia state capitol to engage with their
12 state legislators; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz is a member of the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly
14 (CO-AGE); and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz is a founding member and board member of cancer support group
16 Harber of Hope Inc., and she helped establish the first cancer wellness center at Piedmont
17 Henry Hospital as a three-time breast cancer survivor; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz has organized voter registration drives, provided community
19 outreach, and supplied absentee ballots to nursing home residents; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz has served on numerous community boards such as the Atlanta
21 Regional Commission's Advisory Committee on Aging, the Henry County Board of
22 Elections and Voter Registration (past chair and vice-chair), the Initiative for Affordable
23 Housing, the first battered women's shelter in DeKalb County (co-chair), and more; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz has received countless honors including the Outstanding Georgia
25 Citizen award, the Ambassador for Peace Award (Universal Peace Federation), the Pinnacle
26 Leadership Award, the Eastern Star of the Year (Ruth Chapter 102), and more; and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Schmelz has shown true passion and dedication to serving Georgia seniors
28 and her community at large.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend Mrs. Mildred Schmelz as the 2024 Distinguished Older Georgian
31 and extend best wishes for future health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs. Mildred
34 Schmelz.