

## Senate Resolution 728

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Tate of the 38th, Sims of the 12th, Jackson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Alma Gibbs Woodard for attaining Pearl Soror; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Alma Gibbs Woodard was recently honored as "Pearl" member for her  
4 longevity of service that spans 64 years with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodard was initiated in 1957 in the Beta Pi chapter at Alabama State  
6 University in Montgomery, Alabama, while pursuing a B.S. degree in music education; she  
7 also holds an M.A. degree from Louisiana Tech University and an Ed.D. degree from Indiana  
8 University at Bloomington; and

9 WHEREAS, she has a long and consistent record of service to her community and this state  
10 and has been recognized as one of the most dynamic and committed civic leaders in Georgia;  
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12 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodard's professional career spans more than 40 years, with various  
13 positions as a music specialist and choral director at the elementary and high school levels;  
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15 WHEREAS, for 32 years, Dr. Woodard taught in the music department at Grambling State  
16 University in Louisiana; during her tenure there, she served as music education coordinator,  
17 music liaison to the Education Department, faculty accompanist, and faculty advisor; among  
18 her trailblazing work at Grambling State, she organized and implemented a chapter of the  
19 Sigma Alpha Iota International Women's Music Fraternity; and

20 WHEREAS, she has served for many years as a church musician and choir director at various  
21 churches; as a retiree, Dr. Woodard is an active member of Springfield Baptist Church in  
22 Conyers, Georgia, where she is a member of the Disciples of Hope Senior Ministry and the  
23 Voices of Hope choir; and

24 WHEREAS, this outstanding citizen has had a tremendous impact on her community through  
25 her spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the Conyers area; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
27 extraordinary citizen be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize and commend Dr. Alma Gibbs Woodard for attaining Pearl Soror and extend best  
30 wishes for continued happiness and prosperity.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Alma Gibbs  
33 Woodward.