

Senate Resolution 783

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dawn Thomas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dawn Thomas served her country with honor and distinction, enlisting in the
3 United States Army on November 11, 1987, and concluding her service on August 13, 1996;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, during her military service, she received many awards and accolades including
6 numerous Army Achievement Medals; and

7 WHEREAS, after her military service, she and her family moved to Albuquerque, New
8 Mexico, where her love to serve grew and she became a certified chaplain and case worker
9 in a women's shelter where she assisted troubled women and young girls and has continued
10 ministering and helping for more than 18 years; and

11 WHEREAS, she and her family moved to Georgia in 2010, and she joined her local
12 American Legion where she became the chaplain and, soon thereafter, 10th District Service
13 Officer and in those positions created a system of resources that enabled her to assist veterans
14 and their families' pay bills, get food, and keep their homes and cars; and

15 WHEREAS, in March 2020, she founded Tejavon Community Center, a nonprofit
16 organization dedicated to supporting Families in Rockdale County and the surrounding area
17 and started a program called A Vets Pride where she goes to different organizations sharing
18 information about veterans' benefits and how to properly file a claim; and

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

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Dawn Thomas and thank her for her efficient, effective, unselfish,
26 and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for
27 continued health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dawn Thomas.