

Senate Resolution 817

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Senator Horacena Tate for her outstanding public service; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, having served for 26 years in the Georgia State Senate for District 38, Senator
4 Horacena Tate is retiring from the Georgia State Legislature at the end of this legislative
5 session; and

6 WHEREAS, upon her election in 1998, Senator Horacena Tate became the first
7 father/daughter legacy member of the Georgia State Senate by serving in the same Senate
8 District 38 seat as her father, Senator Horace E. Tate (1975-1993); and

9 WHEREAS, although her political career began at an early age when she worked with her
10 father's campaigns and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts, her professional career started
11 when she became an employee in the Georgia Department of Labor in 1977; she also was a
12 volunteer in the office of former Governor Jimmy Carter; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Senator Horacena Tate has been a tireless advocate in
14 the areas of education; senior citizens' rights; women's rights; and accessible and affordable
15 health care for infants, children, and families; and

16 WHEREAS, ever the trailblazer, Senator Horacena Tate became the first Black female to
17 serve as the chairperson of the Senate Democratic Caucus from 2013-2018; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Horacena Tate served as a delegate to the 2008 Democratic Convention
19 and was a member of the Platform Committee for the 2012 Democratic Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, she has been very active in community affairs, including as a computer literacy
21 advisor for the Butler Street YMCA; software instructor at local churches; delegate
22 representing Clark Atlanta University at the International Community Education Conference
23 in Trinidad, WI; vice president of the Rosalie Wright Community Council; and board
24 member for the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Horacena Tate has been recognized for her service in the Georgia State
26 Senate as well as throughout the community, having received numerous awards over the
27 years, such as the Public Servant Award from the Coalition on Hunger; Top 100 Women of
28 Vision Award from the Atlanta Business League; Public Servant Award from the Martin
29 Luther King, Jr. Drive Merchant Association; Outstanding Leadership Award from the
30 Medical Staff of Southwest Hospital and Medical Center; Legislator of the Year Award from
31 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Outstanding Achievement Award from the National
32 Women of Achievement, Inc.; and the Unity Award from the Atlanta Job Corps; and

33 WHEREAS, Senator Horacena Tate has been an active member of Cascade United
34 Methodist Church for many years and has served as a member of the United Methodist
35 Women's Group. She also is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. (AKA) National Sorority,
36 where she previously held a leadership role as corresponding secretary for the sorority's
37 Kappa Omega Chapter. Senator Horacena Tate annually co-sponsors AKA Day at the
38 Capitol; and

39 WHEREAS, Senator Horacena Tate has served Senate District 38, the Georgia State Senate,
40 and the people of Georgia with honor and distinction, and her steadfast leadership and
41 devotion to public service will continue to be an inspiration for young girls, women, and
42 anyone aspiring to enter politics in service to their community.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 recognize and commend Senator Horacena Tate for her dedicated public service to the State
45 of Georgia, congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement, and extend sincere
46 best wishes for success, health, and happiness.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Senator Horacena
49 Tate.