

Senate Resolution 834

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd, Tate of the 38th,
Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Edith Marie McGuire; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, Edith Marie McGuire is a native Atlantan and is the youngest of four children
3 born to Clifford and Albertha McGuire; and

- 4 WHEREAS, she excelled as an honor student and a superior athlete at Archer High School
5 and was awarded a scholarship to Tennessee State University; and

- 6 WHEREAS, as a TSU Tigerbelle, Edith competed in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games where
7 she won Gold in the 200 meters, breaking the record previously set by Wilma Rudolph; and

- 8 WHEREAS, she also won two Silver Medals: one in the 100 meter and one as a member of
9 the 4X100 meter-relay; after the 1964 Olympics, she became a member of President
10 Johnson's Council on Physical Fitness; and

- 11 WHEREAS, when she returned to Atlanta, Mayor Ivan Allen declared January 29, 1965, as
12 Edith McGuire Day, and The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Native
13 Daughter Trophy for her outstanding accomplishments; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1966, the Department of State appointed her as a Goodwill Ambassador to
15 East Africa, encouraging both women and men to participate in sports; and

16 WHEREAS, during seven years of national and international competition, she held World,
17 Olympic, Canadian, and AAU Champion records; and

18 WHEREAS, she became a teacher for nine years after graduating college, and has been an
19 advocate and mentor for underprivileged children in Detroit, Oakland, and Atlanta; and

20 WHEREAS, her recognition includes The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, The United States
21 Track and Field Hall of Fame, and The Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame as well as many more;
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23 WHEREAS, her humanitarian and philanthropic endeavors benefit children across the
24 country, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Edith Marie McGuire for her dedication to her community, her athletic abilities,
28 and her efforts to make the world a better place.

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 Edith Marie
31 McGuire.