

## Senate Resolution 887

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st and Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the abundant life of Dorothy Mae McCormick Burns as a community leader and  
2 party trailblazer; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ohio-native Dorothy Mae McCormick Burns became a Georgian upon her  
4 marriage to Dr. James Roy Burns Jr. and settled in Gainesville to support his medical  
5 practice and raise their four children; and

6 WHEREAS, "Dot" Burns immediately became involved in her local and state Republican  
7 parties, holding positions as county chair, ninth district chair, and later, first vice chair of the  
8 Georgia Republican Party; and

9 WHEREAS, Dot employed her abundant energies, organizational skills, and personality to  
10 organize, rally, and support her party's nominees for a variety of offices; and

11 WHEREAS, many credit her work toward the successful campaigns of Senator Mack  
12 Mattingly, Senator Johnny Isakson, Senator Phil Gramm, Senator Bob Dole, Senator Paul  
13 Coverdell, and Governor Sonny Perdue, and she held leadership roles in the campaigns of  
14 Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush; and

15 WHEREAS, Dot's energies were also directed to her community as a member of Grace  
16 Episcopal Church, the Lakeview Academy board of trustees, and the Junior Service League  
17 of Gainesville; and

18 WHEREAS, Dot passed away at her retirement home on St. Simons Island on February 10,  
19 2020, surrounded by her husband and children.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 remember the good life of Dorothy Mae McCormick Burns and celebrate her many  
22 accomplishments toward a better Georgia.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
25 Dorothy Mae McCormick Burns.