

Senate Resolution 906

By: Senator Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia State Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization
2 Sisterhood and commending all 66 local chapters; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established January 21, 1869, by seven young women at Iowa Wesleyan
4 University in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood
5 today includes more than 233,000 active members worldwide with hundreds of local chapters
6 in the United States and Canada, all of which are investing in the educational future of
7 thousands of women; and

8 WHEREAS, the Philanthropic Educational Organization International has promoted five
9 projects by giving nearly \$265 million in financial assistance to over 95,000 recipients in the
10 form of various scholarships, awards, grants, and loans; and

11 WHEREAS, the organization has, since 1927, owned, operated, and supported Cottey
12 College, a four-year women's college in Nevada, Missouri whose first graduate from the new
13 four-year program is a Georgia resident; and

14 WHEREAS, the first Georgia chapter was organized as Chapter A in Atlanta on February
15 16th, 1935, and today the organization is celebrating 81 years of progressive educational
16 funding growth that has extended beyond that one chapter; and

17 WHEREAS, with almost 2,300 active members, the Georgia State Chapter of the
18 Philanthropic Educational Organization has formed 70 chapters throughout the state; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Chapter was organized at its first convocation on June 20-21,
20 1955, with nine chapters at the Briarcliff Hotel in Atlanta; and

21 WHEREAS, in the past ten years, Georgia has contributed \$1,175,000.00 through chapter
22 and individual donations to the five projects, Cottey College, and the Georgia scholarships;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the Philanthropic Educational Organization's mission is to celebrate the
25 advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and
26 stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the Georgia State Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization
31 Sisterhood for enriching the educational experience of hundreds of women seeking a better
32 life through education in Georgia and commend all 66 local chapters for their efforts
33 throughout the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Rita Briggs,
36 President of the Georgia State Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization
37 Sisterhood, and Senator Fran Millar of District 40.