

## Senate Resolution 912

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 2nd, Lucas of the 26th, Sims of the 12th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Nadine Thomas as the first African American woman to serve  
2 in the Georgia State Senate; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Nadine Thomas was born in Ft. Myers, Florida, and received her education  
4 from Edison Community College, Georgia State University, and Clayton State University;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas is a registered nurse and former Director of Community Outreach  
7 for the Grady Health System in Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas of DeKalb County was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1992 from  
9 the then newly created 10th district, securing her place in history as the first African  
10 American woman in the Georgia State Senate; and

11 WHEREAS, prior to being elected to the Senate, she served in the Georgia House of  
12 Representatives from 1991 to 1993; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas served as secretary of the influential Rules Committee and on the  
14 Appropriations and Reapportionment Committees; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas also chaired the Interstate Cooperation Committee, which  
16 appointment was of historical significance because at the time no female had chaired a  
17 standing committee in over 40 years; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1994, she was selected as one of only 30 government leaders from around  
19 the nation to participate in the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program at the University of  
20 Kentucky; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas was voted Freshman Legislator of the Year by the Georgia  
22 Legislative Black Caucus for her outstanding efforts during her first year in the State House  
23 of Representatives; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1998, Ms. Thomas received the highest honor bestowed to an elected leader,  
25 the Georgia Key Citizen Award, in recognition of her extraordinary public service to the  
26 cities of Georgia.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize and commend Nadine Thomas as the first African American woman to serve in  
29 the Georgia State Senate and extend to her their best wishes for continued health and  
30 happiness.

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