

Senate Resolution 929

By: Senators Carter of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Cullen Chambers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Cullen Chambers on January 20, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Cullen was an established historic preservationist and executive director of the
5 Tybee Island Historical Society on Tybee Island, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was responsible for all operations at the Tybee Island Lighthouse Complex,
7 which included several historical cottages and a museum, and was an integral figure in
8 several restoration projects on the island; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in his 20 years working on Tybee, Cullen saw many of his visions become
10 reality and was often recognized with awards for his work, yet he never sought the limelight
11 and often spread this recognition amongst his peers; and
- 12 WHEREAS, even as Cullen guided preservation and restoration efforts on Tybee Island, he
13 often consulted and volunteered on projects across the country; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Cullen also assisted in an effort to preserve and restore a 1920's-era one-room
15 schoolhouse on St. Simons Island called the Harrington School; this was the primary grade
16 school for black children who lived on the island and is the last remaining link to its
17 Gullah-Geechee culture; and
- 18 WHEREAS, with his role in the Historic Preservation Technical Advisory Committee of the
19 Coastal Regional Commission, Cullen worked with the Georgia Trust and the St. Simon's
20 African American Heritage Coalition to keep the schoolhouse standing; and

21 WHEREAS, Cullen is survived by his loving wife Christine, twin brother, Curtis Chambers,
22 and his younger brother, Roy Lain; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
28 made this world a better place in which to live.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Cullen Chambers and express their deepest and most
31 sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Cullen Chambers.