

Senate Resolution 949

By: Senators Williams of the 39th, Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Georgianne Thomas on her outstanding public service;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Georgianne Thomas has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, as an author, actress, educator, entrepreneur, and political activist, she has
7 diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy
8 toward the betterment of her community and state; and

9 WHEREAS, after surviving breast cancer in 2002, she completed her doctoral degree in
10 French literature and founded the company Georgianne's Skin Treats; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas has served with honor and distinction as an adjunct professor at
12 Clark Atlanta University and Atlanta Metropolitan State College; as a program manager
13 assisting victims of domestic violence with the City of Atlanta Municipal Court; as former
14 mayoral-appointed chair of the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission; as a Georgia delegate to
15 the National Summit on Africa; as former president of the Atlanta Chapter of the National
16 Association of Media Women; and as a pioneer member of the Atlanta Association of Black
17 Journalists (AABJ); and her vision and unyielding commitment to the City of Atlanta and to
18 bringing international awareness and involvement to preventing domestic violence have set
19 the standard for public service; and

20 WHEREAS, as co-chair of the Sister Cities International, Inc., convention, she brought the
21 only convention to Atlanta in the 50 year history of the international organization, was a
22 recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Volunteer Award with Sister Cities International, and
23 was honored for her contribution to international awareness and involvement in the City of

24 Atlanta with the Delta Torch Award in 2003, which was presented by the Atlanta Alumnae
25 Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

26 WHEREAS, in addition to other exceptional accomplishments of her political life, Dr.
27 Thomas served for four years in the Fulton County Democratic Party; was the recipient of
28 an Atlanta City Council proclamation for outstanding work in the community; is an
29 appointee to the Advisory Council of the Hemisphere, Inc., Free Trade Area of the Americas;
30 and was named an Honorary State Senator in Georgia in 2006; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
32 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the
33 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
34 associates; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
36 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 recognize and commend Dr. Georgianne Thomas for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and
39 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for
40 continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Georgianne
43 Thomas.