

Senate Resolution 975

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Charlie Will Thornton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlie Will Thornton was born on February 19, 1921, in Cuthbert,
3 Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton was educated in the Cuthbert Public Schools System and
5 obtained her high school diploma from Randolph County Training High School and her
6 bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Albany State College (now Albany State
7 University); and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton's love for children and education was demonstrated throughout
9 her 40 year teaching career in the school systems of Randolph, Terrell, and Meriwether
10 counties, and she later assumed the position of principal with the Meriwether County school
11 system; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she made an indelible imprint on the lives of many students and teachers,
13 always believing in giving her all to everything that she was a part of, which was especially
14 evident in her devotion to her alma mater, Albany State University, and her longtime
15 membership with Virgil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton was a member of the Theta Sigma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta
17 Sorority, Inc., for which she served as Basileus for 30 years, and also organized Zeta Amicae
18 and Zeta Youth groups; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton passed away at the Jo Ann Burgin Nursing Home on December
20 3, 2015, and leaves behind a caring and loving family; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Thornton will long be remembered
22 for her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
23 knowing her.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Charlie Will Thornton and express their deepest
26 and most sincere regret at her passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mrs.
29 Charlie Will Thornton.