

Senate Resolution 135

By: Senator Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Barbara Evelyn Jackson; 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 Barbara Evelyn Jackson on January 9, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Barbara was born on March 30, 1933, a beloved daughter of the late John Henry
5 Jackson and Emma Booker; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she attended Booker T. Washington High School before earning her Bachelor
7 of Arts degree in business education from Clark College, now Clark Atlanta University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Barbara was united in love and marriage to her husband, Cameron Madison
9 Alexander, and was blessed with four remarkable children, Cameron Eric, Gregory Madison,
10 Kenneth Lamont, and Barbara Maria; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Barbara was an active member of Antioch
12 Baptist Church, where she served as First Lady for nearly 50 years; she loved the Antioch
13 Lakewood Mission and the Men of Luke's Place, where they affectionately referred to her
14 as "Mother"; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Barbara was also the coordinator of the Women's Division, adviser to the
16 newsletter staff, a member of the Minister's Wives ministry, trustee board member, and, for
17 many years, a leader of the Antioch Council of Entrepreneurs; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Barbara demonstrated her strong ability to embrace her responsibilities as the
19 pastor's wife, not out of a sense of duty, but out of love; she supported the ministry of her
20 husband with dedication for nearly 65 years, serving as first lady of the five churches he
21 pastored; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition, she was an astute businesswoman with the unique ability to balance
23 the demands of family and career, with her passion for the real estate profession beginning
24 when she was a teenager working as an office assistant for Q.V. Williamson & Company and
25 spanning more than 40 years; and

26 WHEREAS, always progressive in her thinking and ahead of her time, Barbara opened the
27 Barbara J. Alexander Realty Company, Inc., in 1977; as a highly successful real estate broker
28 and an icon in the industry, she provided exceptional leadership and service to the Empire
29 Real Estate Board as treasurer, on the executive committee and board of directors of the
30 Atlanta Board of Realtors, with the National Association of Realtors, and with the National
31 Association of Real Estate Brokers; and

32 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
33 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
34 her family and friends were admired by others; and

35 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
36 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
37 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

38 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Barbara will long be remembered for
39 her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
40 fortune of knowing her.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 join in honoring the life and memory of Barbara Evelyn Jackson and express their deepest
43 and most sincere regret at her passing.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
45 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
46 Barbara Evelyn Jackson.