

Senate Resolution 514

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Jernell Elizabeth Jennings Ferguson; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Jernell Elizabeth Jennings Ferguson on January 31, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Jernell was born on September 15, 1939, in Savannah, Georgia, a beloved  
6 daughter of Ervin Sr. and Gertrude Hayes Jennings; and

7 WHEREAS, a truly gifted songstress, Jernell sang and worked for Bynes-Royal Funeral  
8 Home and established the Savannah Concert Chorale; and

9 WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Jernell served in the Parent Teachers  
10 Association; was involved in Parent University and The Live Oak Neighborhood Community  
11 Center; and was employed with the Original Coaches Corner, the Savannah Police  
12 Department, and The House of Interior Design; and

13 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Isadore Sr., and was  
14 blessed with six remarkable children, Isadore Jr., Jernell, Janice, Shawna, Antoinette, and

15 Donald, as well as 13 wonderful grandchildren, Donyelle, Donald II, Donovan, LeVon III,  
16 Swannise, Jade Adore, Shannon Jr., Craig Jr., Isadore III, Mendoza Jr., Shatara, Brian, and  
17 Terrell; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Jernell will long be remembered for her  
25 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
26 fortune of knowing her.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Jernell Elizabeth Jennings Ferguson and express  
29 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
32 Jernell Elizabeth Jennings Ferguson.