

Senate Resolution 583

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the League of Women Voters of Georgia on the grand occasion of its 100th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded on February 14, 1920, as a  
4 volunteer, nonpartisan organization to promote political responsibility through informed and  
5 active participation of citizens in government; and

6 WHEREAS, the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment was the hard-fought and  
7 successful culmination of a 72 year national campaign led by suffragists including Susan B.  
8 Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Church Terrell,  
9 and Ida B. Wells; and

10 WHEREAS, the fight for women's suffrage in Georgia was led by brave and courageous  
11 women including Rebecca Latimer Felton, Lugenia Burns Hope, Lucy C. Laney, Emily C.  
12 McDougald, Mary Latimer McLendon, Eleonore Raoul, H. Augusta Shaw, and Annie G.  
13 Wright; and

14 WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded in February 14, 1920, mere months  
15 before the Nineteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution was ratified and women  
16 across the nation gained the right of suffrage; and

17 WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Georgia is widely recognized as exerting a  
18 positive influence on government at all levels and as being instrumental in encouraging voter  
19 registration and participation; and

20 WHEREAS, the diligent efforts of the League of Women Voters of Georgia have earned the  
21 organization a well-deserved reputation as one of the most beneficial and influential political  
22 organizations in this state; and

23 WHEREAS, throughout its 100 years, the League has continuously and consistently worked  
24 for responsible and responsive government at the local, state, and national levels; and

25 WHEREAS, for 100 years the League of Women Voters and the League of Women Voters  
26 of Georgia have collaborated with other organizations to increase civic participation and fight  
27 for important reforms such as fair and accessible elections, open government, campaign  
28 finance reform, education, and environmental protection on behalf of the rights of women,  
29 minorities, and other historically disadvantaged groups; and

30 WHEREAS, the commitment and dedication of the League of Women Voters and its many  
31 members have been amply demonstrated in its 100 years; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
33 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
34 recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 commend the League of Women Voters of Georgia for 100 years of service to the State of  
37 Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the League of  
40 Women Voters of Georgia.