

## Senate Resolution 773

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and Henson of the 41st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Ann Melissa Firestone; 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 Ms. Ann Melissa Firestone on April 10, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Ann Melissa Firestone advocated vigorously for senior issues, especially  
5 regarding her senior living center high rise, Cosby Spear, in midtown, where she served three  
6 terms as president of the residents' association, in which position she fought to protect and  
7 defend the rights and well-being of residents, and also regarding senior mobility and other  
8 senior community causes; and
- 9 WHEREAS, not long before her passing, she proved instrumental in procuring an additional  
10 crosswalk, curb cut, and ramp at the Cosby Spear facility, thus increasing accessibility and  
11 interconnectivity for its senior residents; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she served as a board member of Fourth Ward West and its predecessor  
13 organization, Central Atlanta Neighbors, as well as on the boards of myriad other community  
14 organizations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, for 20 years she served as a board member of the Fulton County Government  
16 Commission on Disability Affairs; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Ms. Firestone was interred at Lakewood Cemetery in Palmetto, Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, on October 30, 2017, the City of Atlanta's governing authority dedicated the  
19 Melissa Firestone Crosswalk, located on Linden Avenue, N.E., between Central Park Place,  
20 N.E., and Hunt Street, N.E., in honor of Ms. Firestone.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Ann Melissa Firestone and express their deepest  
23 and most sincere regret at her passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Ms.  
26 Ann Melissa Firestone.