

Senate Resolution 417

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Harbison of the 15th and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams was born December 15, 1918, in Louisville,
3 Kentucky, to an African Methodist Episcopal minister, the late Reverend Fredrick Douglass
4 Coleman, Sr., and mother Jamye Harris Coleman; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Williams completed her Ph.D. in speech communication at Ohio State
6 University in 1959 and joined the faculty of Tennessee State University; and

7 WHEREAS, her teaching career spanned almost 50 years to include professionals at
8 Wilberforce University and Morris Brown College; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1984 at the African Methodist Episcopal General Conference, she became
10 the first female to hold a major General office in the 197 year history of the church, serving
11 as editor of the *AME Church Review*, the oldest African American literary journal, founded
12 in 1984; and

13 WHEREAS, while living in the Nashville community, Dr. Williams was an active volunteer,
14 serving with the NAACP in various capacities; a diamond life member, she served on several
15 boards, including Boards of Trustees of Wilberforce University, Board of the National
16 Conference for Community, and Justice, National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma
17 Theta Sorority Inc., and the Links Inc.; she and her husband are editors of *The Negro Speaks:*
18 *The Rhetoric of Contemporary Black Leaders* (1970); and

19 WHEREAS, in 1943, Dr. Williams married her husband, Dr. McDonald Williams; and to this
20 union a daughter, Donna Williams, was born; they also have two granddaughters, Jamye and
21 Payton.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams on her outstanding public service and
24 for her contribution to the State of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Jamye
27 Coleman Williams.