

House Resolution 45EX

By: Representative Mallow of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kimberly Ballard-Washington; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Kimberly Ballard-Washington has been duly appointed as the 14th president
3 of the prestigious Savannah State University, the State of Georgia's first public historically
4 Black university; and

5 WHEREAS, she exhibited exceptional dedication to scholastic aptitude by successfully
6 earning her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and her Juris Doctorate
7 from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University; and

8 WHEREAS, she practiced law proficiently for more than 20 years prior to being appointed
9 by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents; and

10 WHEREAS, through unprecedented times, she provided unwavering and steadfast guidance
11 as interim president of Savannah State University; and

12 WHEREAS, she was appointed to act as the second permanent female president in the
13 history of Savannah State University on May 13, 2021; and

14 WHEREAS, she has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia for her
15 energy, devotion, and commitment to academic service and educational excellence; and

16 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
17 people, and Kimberly Ballard-Washington exemplifies the selfless dedication that is
18 characteristic of our finest educators and administrators; and

19 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare
20 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the
21 extraordinary accomplishments and achievements of this outstanding individual.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Kimberly Ballard-Washington for her
24 many wonderful accomplishments and express their most sincere best wishes for health,
25 happiness, and continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Kimberly Ballard-Washington.