

Senate Resolution 116

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Davenport of the 44th, Harrell of the 40th,
Au of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Gracie Staples; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, an award-winning feature writer and columnist with more than 40 years of
3 experience writing for daily newspapers, Gracie Staples has spent the last 20 years at *The*
4 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* producing high-impact narratives; and

5 WHEREAS, she currently writes *This Life with Gracie*, a column offering her perspective
6 on various lifestyle issues and introducing people who make a positive impact on their
7 communities; and

8 WHEREAS, before joining *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in July 2000, Gracie graduated
9 from the University of Southern Mississippi and worked for five other daily newspapers,
10 including the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Sacramento Bee*; and

11 WHEREAS, her honors include the 2018 GLAAD Media Award for Best Newspaper Article,
12 the 2019 Atlanta Press Club Award of Excellence, Georgia Equality's Phillip Rush
13 Community Builder Award, the Media Professional of the Year Award, and more; and

14 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Gracie is an active member of Antioch
15 Baptist Church North, where she sings in the choir, edits the church newsletter, and serves
16 as an active member of the Ministers' Wives ministry; and

17 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband, Jimmy, and their union has
18 been blessed with two remarkable children, Jamila and Asha; and

19 WHEREAS, this remarkable citizen has established a glowing reputation of renown
20 throughout Georgia for her dedication and high ideals; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
22 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Gracie Staples for her dedicated news coverage and extend the most
25 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gracie Staples.