

Senate Resolution 1264

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Carter of the 42nd, Thompson of the 5th, Tippins of the 37th, Crosby of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, vice president and general counsel of Atlanta
3 BeltLine, Inc., will be installed as president of the 46,000 member State Bar of Georgia on
4 June 7, 2014, during the organization's annual meeting; and

5 WHEREAS, she has previously served on the Board of Governors and Executive Committee
6 of the State Bar of Georgia and as its secretary, treasurer, and president-elect; and

7 WHEREAS, she began her career as a tax accountant with Deloitte Haskins and Sells, where
8 she obtained her designation as a Certified Public Accountant; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins-Hooker left accounting and began her law career at Arrington &
10 Horne; there, she was mentored by Marvin Arrington, longtime president of the Atlanta City
11 Council and now a Fulton County Superior Court judge; and

12 WHEREAS, after several successful years at Arrington & Horne, she went to work with one
13 of her clients, the engineering firm of Williams, Russell & Johnson, where she served as vice
14 president and general counsel; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins-Hooker eventually established her own practice, Patrise
16 Perkins-Hooker & Associates, LLC, where she provided legal services in the areas of
17 commercial real estate and corporate and commercial transactions; and

18 WHEREAS, after many years of leading her own multi-attorney legal practice, she was
19 invited to merge her firm with the law firm of Hollowell, Foster & Gepp, where she served
20 as the lead partner for the corporate and commercial real estate practice of the combined
21 firm; and

22 WHEREAS, finally, after several years in private practice, Ms. Perkins-Hooker was again
23 encouraged to become in-house counsel for one of her clients; she is now the vice president
24 and general counsel of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., where she oversees all of the agency's legal,
25 procurement, and risk management affairs; and

26 WHEREAS, a graduate of Emory University's Law and Business Schools, Ms.
27 Perkins-Hooker has served as an adjunct professor for the Emory Business School for many
28 years; and

29 WHEREAS, she has received numerous awards and recognitions, including Emory Law
30 School's Eleanor Raoul Greene Trailblazer Award in 2013, the Leah Ward Sears Award for
31 Distinction in the Profession from the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys
32 in 2012, and the Supreme Court of Georgia's Amicus Curiae Award for outstanding volunteer
33 service and professionalism in the practice of law in 1996; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 recognize and commend Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker for being named president of the State
38 Bar of Georgia and express to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker.