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Senate Resolution 170

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Esteves of the 6th, Mallow of the 2nd, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating and commending Sherry Nelson for receiving the 2023 Yellow Rose Nikki
- 2 T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American
- 4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of
- 5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia
- 6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and
- 7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's
- 8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and
- 9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Sherry Nelson currently serves as the CEO of Liberty Group Senior Services,
- overseeing all aspects of the organization including fund raising, day-to-day operations,
- 12 human resources, and strategic planning; and
- 13 WHEREAS, during her impressive tenure, she has successfully negotiated a five-year
- 14 contract with Atlanta Housing to provide services to AHA senior residents as well as an

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15 agreement to provide meals and activities to seniors at Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church

- and activities to seniors at historic West Hunter Street Baptist Church; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she has further served her community and state as a City of Atlanta
- 18 councilwoman, where she represented Council District 5, successfully passed legislation to
- 19 help seniors improve their homes, and established programs to provide aid to those in need;
- 20 and
- 21 WHEREAS, Sherry is a woman of unassuming greatness whose humble acts of kindness and
- 22 generosity have uplifted the entire Atlanta community; and
- 23 WHEREAS, Sherry has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia for
- 24 her efforts to improve the lives of seniors; deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
- 25 citizens of Georgia; and her energy, devotion, and commitment to this state's underserved
- 26 individuals; and
- 27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
- 28 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.
- 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 30 congratulate and commend Sherry Nelson for receiving the 2023 Yellow Rose Nikki T.
- 31 Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her continued success.
- 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sherry Nelson.