

## Senate Resolution 226

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th, Tate of the 38th, Jones II of the 22nd, James of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Dr. Laklieshia Izzard for receiving the 2023 Yellow Rose  
2 Nikki 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, Dr. Laklieshia Izzard is a professional mental health care provider who serves  
11 on the board of directors of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Georgia) as well  
12 as the Region 3 Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
13 Advisory Council; and

14 WHEREAS, owner of Shekinah Counseling, her impressive record of experience spans over  
15 17 years of community mental health counseling and 10 years of service as an adjunct  
16 professor; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Laklieshia Izzard has established a glowing reputation of renown  
18 throughout Georgia for her compassion for her fellow Georgians; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
20 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 congratulate and commend Dr. Laklieshia Izzard for receiving the 2023 Yellow Rose Nikki  
23 T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her continued success.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr Laklieshia  
26 Izzard.