

Senate Resolution 233

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Annette P. Walker on February 21, 2017, on Female Veterans Legislative Day at
2 the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Annette P. Walker has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable
4 hours of her time, talents, and energy toward providing the best quality care to veterans; and

5 WHEREAS, on September 6, 2016, Annette became the director of the Atlanta VA Medical
6 Center; and

7 WHEREAS, originally from Detroit, Michigan, Annette brings a wealth of experience to
8 Atlanta VA, having worked for several private sector hospital organizations, the United
9 States Air Force, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, serving and leading in various
10 clinical and administrative roles over the past 35 years; and

11 WHEREAS, she has held progressively responsible leadership positions throughout her
12 career outside of Georgia and brings a proven track record to her new position of Atlanta VA
13 Medical Center director; and

14 WHEREAS, Annette served as first lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserves as a
15 flight nurse and as such flew several aeromedical evacuation missions caring for wounded
16 American soldiers, as well as assisting in humanitarian missions transporting prisoners of
17 war; and

18 WHEREAS, this outstanding woman has dedicated her life to serving veterans and is
19 renowned for her work with the Wounded Warrior Program, Detroit City Council Veterans
20 Sub Committee, and Prisoners of War coordination; and

21 WHEREAS, Annette has more than 22 years of experience with the VA and has held roles
22 in nursing management, medical administration, and seamless transition coordination and her

23 experience in emergency management leading efforts that have been recognized by many,
24 including the Joint Commission; and

25 WHEREAS, Annette's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
26 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of veterans
27 have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

28 WHEREAS, Annette has served the veterans of her community with honor and distinction,
29 and her vision and unyielding dedication have set the standard for public service; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 honor Annette P. Walker for her outstanding and selfless service to veterans on February 21,
34 2017, Female Veterans Legislative Day at the state capitol.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Annette P. Walker.