

Senate Resolution 241

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th, Gooch of the 51st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Echols of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Starr Hutchings Purdue; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Starr Hutchings Purdue is a 2023 recipient of the Career Women's Network
3 Women of Achievement Award; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purdue earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from
5 Stetson University and a Master of Business Administration in finance from the University
6 of South Florida; she now serves as a certified public accountant and a licensed insurance
7 agent; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purdue is a member of the Georgia Society of CPA's and the American
9 Institute of CPA's and has served on the Business School Advisory Board for Stetson
10 University for the past ten years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purdue is a funeral director and president and owner of Hutchings Funeral
12 Home Inc. in Macon, Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, prior to returning to the family business, Mrs. Purdue was manager of trust
14 investments for Florida Power Corporation and its parent company, Florida Progress

15 Corporation, where she had oversight of approximately \$1 billion in defined benefit and
16 defined contribution plan assets and other trust funds; and

17 WHEREAS, prior to joining Florida Power Corporation, Mrs. Purdue was controller for
18 BiRite Company Inc. and a senior auditor with Price Waterhouse in Tampa, Florida; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purdue is currently board chair for Atrium Health Navicent and is a
20 member of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority (Atrium
21 Health) in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mrs. Purdue received the Distinguished Service Award
22 from the Georgia Hospital Association for her significant contributions to improving health
23 care in Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purdue actively serves on several boards within the Macon-Bibb
25 community and on the state and national levels. She is chair of the Development Authority
26 of Bibb County as well as board member of The Greater Macon Area Chamber of Commerce
27 and The Tubman Museum. Mrs. Purdue has served as treasurer for the National Funeral
28 Directors and Morticians Association Inc. since 2007 and is also state treasurer for the
29 Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association Inc.; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purdue has been a role model for young girls and young women as well
31 as a role model for women of color in both the accounting and funeral professions; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Purdue has the unique and positive ability to work with people with
33 different ideas and facilitate a convergence of opinion; and

34 WHEREAS, she is an outstanding Georgian, and it is only fitting and proper that she be
35 recognized for her many accomplishments.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 recognize and commend Starr Hutchings Purdue for her many wonderful contributions on
38 behalf of her fellow Georgians and extend sincere best wishes for future health and
39 happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Starr Hutchings
42 Purdue.