

## Senate Resolution 320

By: Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, James of the 35th and Harrell of the 40th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sushma Barakoti; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sushma Barakoti is the executive director of the Refugee Women's Network  
3 Inc., an Atlanta-based nonprofit serving refugees resettled in the State of Georgia that  
4 inspires and equips refugee and immigrant women to become leaders in their homes,  
5 businesses, and communities; and

6 WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in growing the programs at Refugee Women's  
7 Network Inc. to enhance access to services for refugee and immigrant families, especially  
8 women; and

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10 WHEREAS, Sushma has been a catalyst in advancing women's empowerment in the United  
11 States and her native country of Nepal for more than two decades; and

12 WHEREAS, as further testament to her dedication to those in-need, Sushma founded  
13 Sunavworld LLC, an Atlanta-based social enterprise committed to providing socio-economic  
14 empowerment to women in Nepal and in Atlanta; and

15 WHEREAS, before moving to Atlanta, Sushma worked as the assistant director at the  
16 Women's Resource Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where she effectively managed more  
17 than 30 federal, corporate, and private grants and achieved annual grant compliance; and

18 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
19 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
20 earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
22 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom  
23 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
24 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

25 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
26 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend Sushma Barakoti for her many outstanding contributions on behalf  
31 of those in-need and extend sincere best wishes for future health, happiness, and 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 Sushma Barakoti.