

Senate Resolution 340

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Cassandra Merrilles for receiving the 2019 Yellow Rose
2 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Cassandra Merrilles has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her superlative service in the education field; and

9 WHEREAS, Cassandra worked as a teacher in the Clayton County Public School System for
10 15 years before retiring in 2010; in Clayton County, Cassandra utilized her administrative
11 and organizational skills to help facilitate activities for various organizations, including the
12 Concerned Black Citizens Coalition of Clayton County, Rainbow Push, the National Council
13 of Negro Women, and the National Alliance of Black School Educators; and

14 WHEREAS, among her many achievements, she has served on the Professional Standards
15 Commission for the Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Educators and as a member
16 of the Bias Review Committee; her community service has been recognized on numerous
17 occasions, and Cassandra has been commended for her dedication by Clayton County Sheriff
18 Victor Hill and received the Freedom & Civil Rights Award from the Clayton County
19 NAACP; and

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

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

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 congratulate and commend Cassandra Merrilles for receiving the 2019 Yellow Rose Nikki
29 T. Randall Servant Leader Award.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Cassandra
32 Merrilles.