

Senate Resolution 362

By: Senators James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jackson of the 41st, Mangham of the 55th,
Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Olori Atuwatse III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Olori Atuwatse III, Queen Consort of the Warri Kingdom, has redefined the
3 role of monarchy by using her platform to advance education, healthcare, economic
4 opportunities, and cultural preservation, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the
5 well-being of her people; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she is a distinguished leader, lawyer, and philanthropist dedicated to fostering
7 education, gender equity, and sustainable development across Africa in alignment with the
8 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Olori Atuwatse III is the visionary founder of Elevate Africa, a transformative
10 initiative that promotes leadership, collaboration, and economic empowerment, inspiring
11 young entrepreneurs and change-makers to re-imagine Africa's future; and
- 12 WHEREAS, through the Royal Iwere Foundation, she has spearheaded impactful
13 philanthropic programs such as the Teacher's Training Programme and the Captain Idahosa
14 Wells Okunbo STEM and Innovation Lab, equipping educators and youth with essential
15 skills for progress; and

16 WHEREAS, a steadfast advocate for women's empowerment, she has further launched
17 initiatives such as EstablishHer and Women Allying Women, providing mentorship, funding,
18 and support to female entrepreneurs and leaders; and

19 WHEREAS, her dedication to cultural preservation and environmental stewardship is evident
20 through her reforestation campaigns, sustainable development efforts, and cultural festivals
21 celebrating the heritage of the Warri Kingdom; and

22 WHEREAS, Olori Atuwatse III has received numerous prestigious accolades, including the
23 Freedom of the City of London, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award, and
24 recognition among the 100 Most Influential African Women; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary leader be appropriately
26 honored during this special time.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize Olori Atuwatse III, Queen Consort of the Warri Kingdom, for her exceptional
29 contributions to the development of Africa, the well-being of her citizens, and global
30 leadership as well as extend best wishes for her continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Olori Atuwatse
33 III.