

Senate Resolution 406

By: Senator Halpern of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado is a noble scholar of black history and culture who
3 has documented, taught, and curated the African-American odyssey through multiple media
4 formats; and
- 5 WHEREAS, as the CEO of Preserve Black Atlanta, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to
6 identifying, recording, and preserving African American history and culture, Dr.
7 Sims-Alvarado has identified more than 700 historic sites that tell the narrative of the African
8 American experience in Atlanta, Georgia, covering the periods of slavery, reconstruction,
9 Jim Crow, and the long civil rights movement; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Sims-Alvarado is the author of *Atlanta and the Civil Rights Movement,*
11 *1944-1968* and the curator of the world's longest outdoor photography exhibition
12 documenting the long civil rights movement; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she further serves as the chief historian for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
14 Estate, consultant for the Coretta Scott King Estate, and the historical advisor and partner of

15 the W.E.B. Du Bois Museum Foundation to preserve the home and library of W.E.B. Du
16 Bois in Accra, Ghana; and

17 WHEREAS, she has deservedly received multiple awards for her work, including the
18 prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Fellowship with the
19 Georgia Historical Society and the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University; and

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

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

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado for her unyielding dedication to the
30 preservation of our ties to the past and extend best wishes for future health, happiness, and
31 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 Dr. Karcheik
34 Sims-Alvarado.