

Senate Resolution 458

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Darryl Orlando Ledbetter, Esq.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, D. Orlando Ledbetter, Esq., is a meritorious member of Omega Psi Phi
3 Fraternity Incorporated, Chi Gamma Gamma Chapter; and

4 WHEREAS, the Chi Gamma Gamma Chapter is a spirited service organization in Cobb
5 County giving out thousands of dollars in scholarships each year; fundraising for the
6 American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association; and supporting numerous
7 institutions such as the Trinity Food Bank with over 1,000 volunteer man-hours, the Cobb
8 County and Marietta school districts, the NAACP, the SCLC, the American Red Cross, and
9 the Marietta Police Athletic League; and

10 WHEREAS, D. Orlando Ledbetter, Esq., has been a distinguished sports journalist for over
11 30 years, most recently as beat writer covering the Atlanta Falcons and the National Football
12 League for the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, and he has appeared on numerous television talk
13 shows such as MSNBC, NFL Total Access, and ESPN; and

14 WHEREAS, he was named the 2022 Georgia Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sports
15 Media Association and received the award in June, 2023; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ledbetter is an adjunct professor teaching sports journalism at the
17 University of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, he has received many professional awards during his stellar journalism career
19 such as major sports journalism honors from significant organizations including the
20 Wisconsin Newspaper Association in 1998; two by Associated Press Sports Editors, in 1998
21 and 2004; and the coveted Langston Hughes Writing Award in 1999 from Omega Psi Phi
22 International Fraternity, Inc.; he served as President of the Pro Football Writers of America
23 2013- 2014; and he is an esteemed member of the National Association of Black Journalists
24 (NABJ) and was a founder of the NABJ Sports Task Force.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Darryl Orlando Ledbetter, Esq., for his sports writing excellence
27 and his effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend
28 best wishes for continued success in journalistic and community service endeavors as a
29 member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

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 Darryl Orlando
32 Ledbetter, Esq.