

Senate Resolution 511

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jacquelyn Harrison Barrett Washington; and for other
- 2 purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Harrison Barrett Washington has long been recognized by the
- 4 citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
- 5 commitment to the 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 public service; and

- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Arcadia and Atlanta Universities, Jacquelyn began her criminal
- 10 law career as a criminal justice planner, contributing to the communities of East Point,
- 11 College Park, and Hapeville, Georgia; and

- 12 WHEREAS, in 1976, she began working with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and
- 13 Training Council (POST) and rose through its ranks, eventually becoming Director of the
- 14 POST Training Division where she developed content for executive training for Chiefs of
- 15 Police and Sheriffs in Georgia and served as a liaison to the National Association of State
- 16 Directors of Law Enforcement Training and participated in the establishment of operational
- 17 standards for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA);
- 18 and

- 19 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual served as the Chief Administrative Officer for
- 20 Richard B. Lankford, Georgia's first African American sheriff; and

- 21 WHEREAS, in 1992, Jacqueline was elected to the position of Fulton County Sheriff,
- 22 making her the first African American woman in the nation to hold such a title; and

23 WHEREAS, as sheriff, Jacquelyn played a significant role in the advancement of the
24 department, such as its gaining a Triple Grown Accreditation from CALEA, the opening of
25 the South Fulton Precinct, and the implementation of the AARP program, which provides
26 personal safety training to seniors; and

27 WHEREAS, though her 28 year career in the law enforcement profession has come to an
28 end, she still remains active in her community, having served on the Georgia Commission
29 on Family Violence, the Georgia Board of Public Safety, the State Judicial Nominating
30 Committee, the Georgia Commission on Children, and the National Organization of Black
31 Law Enforcement Executives, of which she was the first female president; and

32 WHEREAS, Jacquelyn's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
33 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the
34 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
35 associates; and

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

38 WHEREAS, Jacqueline has served the State of Georgia with honor and distinction, and her
39 vision and unyielding commitment to law enforcement, academia, and the faith community
40 have set the standard for public service; and

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

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 recognize and commend Jacqueline Harrison Barrett Washington for her efficient, effective,
45 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere
46 best wishes for continued happiness and success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jacqueline
49 Harrison Barrett Washington.