

Senate Resolution 857

By: Senator Miller of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Virginia W. Harris; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Virginia W. Harris has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a dynamic and highly respected public servant and community leader, Virginia
6 has established an impressive record of service with both the Gwinnett County Board of
7 Commissioners, where she served for 20 years, and the National Coalition of 100 Black
8 Women, where she has served in numerous leadership roles, including chapter president and
9 national president, over the past 29 years; and

10 WHEREAS, a dedicated member of her community, she is an active member of Alpha
11 Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., The Links Inc., The Continental Societies Inc., and Top Ladies
12 of Distinction Inc.; she has received many accolades and awards for her stellar work and
13 staunch commitment to excellence; and

14 WHEREAS, as further testament to her wealth of professional experience, Virginia has
15 served in leadership capacities with such organizations as the National Forum for Black
16 Public Administrators, the Gwinnett-Rockdale-Newton Community Service Board, and the
17 Southern Education Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, Virginia has built her superb career upon a strong foundation of academic
19 achievement that includes a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree
20 in business administration; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
22 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possesses the vast wisdom

23 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
24 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend Virginia W. Harris for the pivotal role she has played in education,
31 local government, and philanthropic work in the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere
32 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Virginia W.
35 Harris.