

## Senate Resolution 867

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Anderson of the 24th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the career and retirement of Gladys Wyant; and for other purposes.
  
- 2 WHEREAS, Marietta-born Gladys Wyant moved with her family to Gainesville in 1972 and  
3 began working as the part-time director of The Arts Council, Inc., in 1984; and
  
- 4 WHEREAS, from part-time in temporary locations, the work soon grew to a full-time job  
5 governed by a Board of Directors who named her Executive Director leading a productive  
6 journey in many arenas of the arts until her retirement in 2021; and
  
- 7 WHEREAS, Wyant's involvement in the arts has been as a performer/participant, board  
8 member, fundraiser, hostess, greeter, organizer, grant writer, publicist, or consultant, and she  
9 is also credited with being a board member of the Children's Theater, now called  
10 WonderQuest, founder of the Gainesville Symphony, past president of Georgia Assembly  
11 of Community Arts Agencies, Georgia Citizens for the Arts, Georgia Arts Network, Main  
12 Street Gainesville, Gainesville-Hall and Lake Lanier Convention and Visitors Bureau,  
13 Georgia Council for the Arts, and Gainesville Kiwanis; and

14 WHEREAS, under her leadership the Arts Council grew from \$25,000 to having \$8 million  
15 in assets, including the Smithgall Arts Center and the Arts Council Performing Arts Complex  
16 in the historic downtown of Gainesville; and

17 WHEREAS, she is credited with myriad historic preservation initiatives, steered the  
18 ceremonies for the International Dragon Boat Festival, Summer MusicFest and Signature  
19 Series, annual performances by the Atlanta Symphony, cultural arts day camp program, arts  
20 in the schools and much more serving the public good and piquing arts' awareness and  
21 appreciation; and

22 WHEREAS, Wyant has earned a well-deserved retirement and need not look far to see what  
23 wonders she brought to Gainesville and Hall County through her dedicated work.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 celebrate and salute a remarkable career and wish her many years of prosperous retirement  
26 and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gladys Wyant.