

Senate Resolution 898

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Beverly Evans Smith for her pivotal role in ensuring academic
2 prosperity throughout Georgia and the nation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Beverly Evans Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 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 service as an entrepreneur, educator, and community servant;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in October 1967, Beverly was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
11 through the Epsilon Omicron Chapter at Bowling Green State University, and she has served
12 the sorority in many capacities, including as the 26th national president, national first vice
13 president from 2013 to 2017, national secretary from 2008 to 2013, chair of various regional
14 and national committees, national convention coordinator in 2002, and executive director
15 from 1988 to 1990; and

16 WHEREAS, Beverly has been recognized for her many contributions to the education and
17 welfare of young people through her many roles in the academic field, including as a college
18 administrator at Kent State University and Georgia State University and as an assistant
19 commissioner and Georgia State director for adult education and GED testing with the
20 Technical College System of Georgia, a position in which she assisted with the
21 administration of federal and state-wide education grants and the provision of adult education
22 training programs and support for local literacy action programs throughout the state; and

23 WHEREAS, her service as an active member of the Marietta-Roswell (GA) Alumnae
24 Chapter for more than 30 years, the National Association of African Americans in Human

25 Resources, the board of directors of Chattahoochee Technical College, and Cobb Executive
26 Women; as a trainer and workshop facilitator in leadership development and strategic
27 planning for nonprofit organizations and church groups; as chair of the Cobb County Board
28 of Elections and Registration for eight years; and with the Boy Scouts of America Atlanta
29 Area Council, County United Way, and Girls Incorporated is an additional testament to her
30 commitment to her community; and

31 WHEREAS, Beverly previously served as a corporate manager and gained recognition for
32 her 18 years of leadership with AT&T, formerly known as Southern Bell; and

33 WHEREAS, co-owners of The HR Group Inc., a management consulting firm, she and her
34 husband of 48 years, Stephen, live in Marietta, Georgia, and are blessed with two remarkable
35 children and five outstanding grandchildren; and

36 WHEREAS, Beverly's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
37 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of others have earned her
38 the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 recognize and commend Beverly Evans Smith for her pivotal role in ensuring academic
43 prosperity throughout Georgia and the nation and extend sincere best wishes for continued
44 success.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Beverly Evans
47 Smith.