

Senate Resolution 913

By: Senator Harrell of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Lesley-Ann Drake for receiving the 2020 Yellow Rose
2 Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Representative Nikki T. Randall became the first African American
4 female elected to the General Assembly from middle Georgia, and over her 17 years of
5 service as a legislator, she held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Georgia
6 Legislative Women's Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, every year during Women's History Month, the Georgia Legislative Women's
8 Caucus recognizes outstanding women in Georgia who exemplify the leadership and
9 inspiration embodied by Representative Randall; and

10 WHEREAS, Lesley-Ann Drake is the executive director of Path To Shine, a program she
11 started in 2010 to inspire children to achieve hope-filled dreams by educating and
12 encouraging them through free mentoring, tutoring, and enrichment programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Path To Shine seeks to reach Georgia's most vulnerable children to prevent their
14 involvement with drugs or gangs, stressing the importance of graduating from high school
15 and having dreams of a brighter future; and

16 WHEREAS, Path To Shine comprises 17 programs that work with 194 children and more
17 than 140 volunteer mentors across Georgia, with the goal of growing to 20 programs by the
18 end of 2020; and

19 WHEREAS, Lesley-Ann has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia
20 for her deep personal commitment to improving the welfare of the youth of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
22 extraordinary servant leader be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 congratulate and commend Lesley-Ann Drake for receiving the 2020 Yellow Rose Nikki T.
25 Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lesley-Ann Drake.