

Senate Resolution 920

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Williams of the 39th and Parent of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Reverend Darlene Marshall-Smith for receiving the 2020
2 Yellow Rose 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, Reverend Darlene Marshall-Smith is an ordained itinerant elder in the African
11 Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of the Sixth Episcopal District, Atlanta North
12 Georgia Conference; she currently serves as an associate pastor at the St. Paul African
13 Methodist Episcopal Church in Covington, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, she has served as a steward and in the Sick and Shut-in Visitation Ministry,
15 Women's Ministry, Prison Ministry, Children and Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry,
16 and Bible Study Ministry; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to her ministry, Reverend Marshall-Smith is currently the Global
18 Maintenance Escalation director for AT&T with 40 years of experience; and

19 WHEREAS, she has further dedicated herself to her community as a life member of Alpha
20 Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., president of Community C.A.R.E.S. Foundation, religious affairs
21 chairman of the Newton County NAACP, and second vice president of the Rockdale-Newton
22 National Council of Negro Women; and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Marshall-Smith has established a glowing reputation of renown
24 throughout Georgia for her energy, devotion, and commitment to ministry; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 congratulate and commend Reverend Darlene Marshall-Smith for receiving the 2020 Yellow
29 Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her continued
30 success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Darlene
33 Marshall-Smith.