

Senate Resolution 933

By: Senator Parent of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Beth Haynes for receiving the 2020 Yellow Rose Nikki T.
2 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, Beth Haynes has been an active volunteer in the DeKalb County School District
11 since her children started school seven years ago; after experiencing first-hand the difficulties
12 of having a child with dyslexia in the public school system, she has advocated for dyslexic
13 students and for improved reading instruction for all children; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2015, Beth was the chair of the Oak Grove Elementary School Council and
15 worked closely with the principal to explore new options for struggling readers; in 2016, she
16 worked to hold a 30 hour training course for Oak Grove Elementary School teachers in
17 Orton-Gillingham, a structured literacy approach; and

18 WHEREAS, she currently serves as the legislative chairperson for Decoding Dyslexia
19 Georgia; last year, Beth and her family shared their experiences with legislators to support
20 the passage of Georgia's first dyslexia bill, SB 48; and

21 WHEREAS, Beth has established a glowing reputation of renown throughout Georgia for
22 her efforts to improve the lives of children with dyslexia; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 congratulate and commend Beth Haynes for receiving the 2020 Yellow Rose Nikki T.
27 Randall Servant Leader Award and extend best wishes for her continued success.

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