

## Senate Resolution 985

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Davenport of the 44th, Dugan of the 30th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Major Erika Dotson on the occasion of her retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Erika Dotson is a resident of Vernon, Florida, and is a media specialist at  
4 Vernon High School; and

5 WHEREAS, Major Dotson is a graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
6 and holds a bachelor's degree in business education and a certification in library science from  
7 Florida State University; and

8 WHEREAS, she received her commission through the ROTC program at Florida A&M  
9 University on December 12, 1992, and deployed in 2003 with the 413th Chemical Company  
10 from Florence, South Carolina, as the Operations Officer in support of OIF 4 and 5; and

11 WHEREAS, Major Dotson's latest deployment was in 2010 with the 1188th Deployment  
12 Distribution Support Battalion from Decatur, Georgia, in support of Operation Enduring  
13 Freedom and Operation New Dawn and retired on December 31, 2016, with 28 years of  
14 service; and

15 WHEREAS, prior to her retirement, Major Dotson was a part of Girls Mentoring I.N.K.; was  
16 the District Media Specialist Chairman; Black History Committee Chairman; Vernon High  
17 School WCEA Building Representative; middle school girl's basketball coach; junior varsity  
18 girl's basketball coach; varsity cheerleader coach; and media productions teacher; and

19 WHEREAS, her community involvement includes being a member of Sylvania AME  
20 Church, Florida Conference Christian Debutante and Masters Commissioner,  
21 Pensacola-Panama City District Veteran's Ministry Coordinator, Previous Florida Conference  
22 Lay Parliamentarian, Pensacola-Marianna District Webmaster, Local Church Secretary,  
23 Local YPD Director, Local Lay President, Pensacola District Debutante and Masters

24 Commissioner, Pensacola District Director of Lay Activities, Florida Conference Lay Youth  
25 Director, Florida Conference Lay Recording Secretary, 11th Episcopal District Commission  
26 on Higher Education and 11th Episcopal District Lay Assistant Recording Secretary; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend Major Erika Dotson for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
31 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion  
32 of her retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
33 happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Major Erika  
36 Dotson.