

Senate Resolution 670

By: Senator James of the 35th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Commending Ms. Marjorie Young, and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, when Governor Roy Barnes appointed Ms. Marjorie Young as Commissioner  
3 of the Georgia Merit System in June of 1999, she became the first African American to serve  
4 in such capacity; and

5 WHEREAS, Commissioner Young has served the people of Georgia for over 30 years,  
6 having begun her career in 1969 as a mental health professional at the Georgia Mental Health  
7 Institute, and she has worked in several key positions within the Department of Human  
8 Resources since 1974, including service as: Deputy District Director of Public Health;  
9 Assistant Division Director for Public Health; assistant to the Commissioner of Human  
10 Resources for Quality Management and Community Development; Director of the Division  
11 of Youth Services; and Director of the Division of Human Development; and

12 WHEREAS, she has been widely recognized for her leadership and has received a number  
13 of awards, including 100 Most Influential Women in Georgia for the year 2000; 1999  
14 Woman of Vision; 1998 Public Health Leadership Institute Scholar; 1997 Excellence in  
15 Service Award granted by the Georgia Black Caucus; 1996 Achievement in Government  
16 Award; Women for Morris Brown College; 1995 Image and Style Maker Award, American  
17 Cancer Society, Mid Atlanta Unit; 1993 America's Best and Brightest Award, Dollars and  
18 Sense Magazine; 1992 Influential State Leader, Georgia Coalition of Black Women; and  
19 1991 Who's Who of Women in the World; and

20 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
21 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of her community  
22 have earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues and associates; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
24 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
4 commend Ms. Marjorie Young for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
5 service to the citizens of her community and state and extend to her their most sincere best  
6 wishes for continued health and happiness.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Marjorie Young.