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Senate Resolution 1370

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th and James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison has long been recognized by the citizens
- 3 of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
- 4 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ms. Allison has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and
- 6 energy to the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home since 1950 as the residence's first professional social
- 7 worker, a residence which served as her own home for a number of years before she left to
- 8 attend college; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree from Spelman College and a master's degree
- 10 from the Atlanta University School of Social Work; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1976, Ms. Allison was named executive director of the Carrie Steele-Pitts
- 12 Home and has provided inspired leadership during her tenure with the residence and
- 13 demonstrated a commitment to the physical, social-emotional, mental, and spiritual
- 14 development of generations of Georgia children; and
- 15 WHEREAS, under Ms. Allison's leadership, the Home has thrived and flourished, providing
- 16 a safe and secure home for thousands of abused, neglected, and abandoned children from
- 17 throughout the State of Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, as executive director, Ms. Allison has been the public face of the Carrie
- 19 Steele-Pitts Home, portraying the professional and caring image of the Home that has served
- 20 the long-term interests of the children and the Home, brought greater awareness of the Home
- and its mission, and raised money for the financial needs of the children and the Home; and

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22 WHEREAS, during her tenure as executive director, Ms. Allison has overseen the expansion

- 23 of the Home, including the addition of residence houses and the construction of the Life
- 24 Learning Center, which was appropriately named in her honor; and
- 25 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure at the Home, Ms. Allison has inspired the Home's
- 26 children, staff, and Board of Trustees with her unwavering spirit, her ability to communicate
- and evaluate people and the needs of the Home, her ability to build a consensus, and her
- 28 constant attention to the children.
- 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 30 commend Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison for her over 59 years of selfless, efficient, and
- 31 thoughtful service to the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home; applaud her inspired leadership and
- 32 extraordinary spirit which has guided the children, staff, and Board of Trustees; and
- 33 recognize her as Executive Director Emeritus for life of the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home.
- 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison.