

## Senate Resolution 857

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Carter of the 1st and James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Shirley Ann Barber James; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley Ann Barber James has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
3 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment  
4 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. James graduated as valedictorian of her high school and earned a  
6 bachelor's degree from Spelman College and a master's degree in education from Harvard  
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, a licensed professional counselor, she diligently and conscientiously devoted  
9 innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community  
10 and state as evidenced dramatically by her 31 years of superlative service with Savannah  
11 State University; and

12 WHEREAS, over the three decades Mrs. James was at Savannah State, she served as a  
13 student affairs counselor, coordinator of the New Student and Parent Orientation programs,  
14 vice president of student affairs and director of testing, and founded the Peer Counseling  
15 program; and

16 WHEREAS, currently the editor and publisher of *The Savannah Tribune*, Mrs. James is an  
17 active member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the American Counselors  
18 Association, the Association for Multi-Cultural Counseling and Development, the American  
19 Counseling Association, and the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. James's leadership and vision have been recognized with numerous  
22 awards, including an Athena Award from the Savannah Chamber of Commerce and the Tom  
23 Joyner "Hardest Working Chairman of the Savannah Black Heritage Festival" Award, and

24 she has been honored by publications such as *Ebony Magazine*, *Personalities of the South*,  
25 and *Outstanding Young Women of America*; and

26 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. James is a member of St. Philip AME  
27 Church in Savannah where she serves as a senior steward, chairman of the annual Harvest  
28 Week observance, and a member of the Celestine Guild; and

29 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband, Robert, and they are the  
30 proud parents of Robert and Angela James, Anne James, and Rachelle and Frederick Gregory  
31 and loving grandparents to Lauren, Abigail, and Frederick; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 commend Mrs. Shirley Ann Barber James for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
36 public service to Savannah and the State of Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Shirley Ann Barber James.