

Senate Resolution 37

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color* Atlanta
2 publisher, Ms. Linda Torrence; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Torrence has been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role she has played in promoting women's health and her deep commitment to the well-being
5 of women; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color* is to help women
7 throughout Georgia and the world develop healthy lifestyle regimens by concentrating on
8 their own health; and

9 WHEREAS, publications include feature articles by physicians who specialize in treating
10 women, professionals who specialize in women's health, and everyday women who share
11 their health stories to encourage other women; and

12 WHEREAS, *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color* focuses on health issues, such
13 as nutrition, fitness, prevention, stress, depression, and in-depth information on breast and
14 colorectal cancer, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, Type 2 Diabetes, lung cancer, and other
15 diseases; and

16 WHEREAS, in Georgia, women of color account for approximately one-third of all adult
17 women, yet ethnic women continue to account for a disproportionate number of deaths
18 related to a wide range of health disparities; and

19 WHEREAS, inspired by his mother's death from heart disease, founder and group publisher
20 Matthew Johnson brought *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color* to Georgia to
21 address health disparities among this population; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Torrence became the Atlanta publisher one year after *Girlfriends*
23 *Health Guide for Women of Color's* debut in Atlanta following a long career in broadcast and
24 cable television; and

25 WHEREAS, before joining the *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color* team, Ms.
26 Torrence was the director of community affairs with FOX5 Atlanta, and her leadership and
27 vision have been instrumental on numerous boards, including the DeKalb and Atlanta
28 Chambers of Commerce, the American Heart Association, and Grady Health Systems
29 Foundations; and

30 WHEREAS, she is active with Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Georgia
31 Partnership for Education Excellence, Georgia's Commission on Women, Georgia Women's
32 Institute, and Winship Cancer Institute at Emory Sindab Project; and

33 WHEREAS, through a partnership with *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color*, she
34 continues her selfless service to women of Georgia and serves as a exemplary example of
35 leadership and vision to inspire women in Georgia, her community, colleagues, and peers.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 recognize Ms. Linda Torrence for her work with *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of*
38 *Color* and commend her years of dedicated service to Georgia's women.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Linda Torrence.