

Senate Resolution 593

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Teresa Tomlinson on being elected as the first  
2 female mayor of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Teresa Tomlinson has long been recognized by the citizens of  
4 this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Columbus, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Tomlinson was elected as the 69th mayor of Columbus in 2010 with 68  
7 percent of the vote and made history as the city's first female mayor; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Chamblee High School, Mayor Tomlinson earned a bachelor's  
9 degree from Sweet Briar College and a law degree from Emory University; and

10 WHEREAS, a resident of Columbus since 1994, Mayor Tomlinson practiced law for 16  
11 years with Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick and Morrison, LLC, before leaving her law practice  
12 to become the first executive director of MidTown, Inc., a nonprofit community renewal  
13 organization that worked to market, economically stimulate, and better plan Columbus's city  
14 center; and

15 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
16 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community since 2000 as a member of  
17 Columbus's Metropolitan Planning Organization's Citizen Advisory Committee, which  
18 studies issues of regional growth and provides citizens with input on important state and  
19 municipal transportation decisions; and

20 WHEREAS, her leadership has been instrumental as chairperson on the Strategic  
21 Communications Task Force for the Regional Growth Management Plan and as a member  
22 of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce Board, the Columbus Conventions and  
23 Visitors Bureau Board, the Board of Trustees for the RiverCenter, the Board of Directors of

24 Columbus Regional Medical Center Foundation, and the Columbus South Revitalization  
25 Task Force; and

26 WHEREAS, Mayor Tomlinson is united in love and marriage to her husband, Wade H.  
27 "Trip" Tomlinson, who also serves as her business partner for Tomlinson Properties, LLC,  
28 and The Butler's Pantry, Inc.; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
30 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend the Honorable Teresa Tomlinson for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
33 dedicated public service to the people of Columbus, Georgia, and recognize her historical  
34 achievement of serving as the city's first female mayor.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Teresa Tomlinson.