

## Senate Resolution 85EX

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Paris of the 26th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dame (Dr.) Patience Goodluck Jonathan; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dame (Dr.) Patience Goodluck Jonathan was born in Port Harcourt, Rivers  
4 State, Nigeria, to Chief and Mrs. Lazarus Iwar-Oba; and

5 WHEREAS, Dame Jonathan was an outstanding student, passing the West African School  
6 Certificate in 1980 with honors and obtaining her National Certificate of Education in 1989  
7 from the Rivers State College of Education, Port Harcourt, and she went on to serve as an  
8 erudite teacher instructing in notable secondary schools; and

9 WHEREAS, on May 29, 1999, her beloved husband became Deputy Governor of Bayelsa  
10 State and later received the Governorship crown, and in her capacity as Second Lady she  
11 humbly served the public by establishing several humanitarian projects to improve the status  
12 of the people of Nigeria while also helping to support her husband in his endeavors; and

13 WHEREAS, on May 5, 2010, she became the First Lady when her husband was sworn in as  
14 President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and

15 WHEREAS, A-Smile Initiative and Empowerment Foundation is a private nonprofit  
16 organization with offices in Nigeria and the United States that is dedicated to initiating and  
17 continuing programs to empower women and youth in Nigeria; and

18 WHEREAS, the foundation is inviting her excellency First Lady of the Federal Republic of  
19 Nigeria, Dame (Dr.) Patience Goodluck Jonathan, to Georgia so that she may be awarded an  
20 honorary Georgia Citizen Award.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend the leadership and good will offered by Dame (Dr.) Patience Goodluck Jonathan,

23 acknowledge the many contributions she has made to the women and youth of Nigeria, and  
24 express appreciation for her inspiration and leadership to the women of Georgia and her  
25 efforts to improve human rights and international relations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dame (Dr.) Patience Goodluck Jonathan.