

Senate Resolution 646

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Carol Henderson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the *Atlanta Tribune* designated Ms. Carol Henderson as a "Woman to Watch"
3 as a result of her precedential efforts to increase the number of life sciences economic
4 development projects in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Indiana, Ms. Henderson knew even as a sixth grader helping young
6 second and third grade students learn to read and watching their confidence and imaginations
7 blossom that she was meant to work for the betterment of her community; and

8 WHEREAS, she now serves as director of Health Sciences and Advanced Technologies in
9 the Business Enterprise Division at the Georgia Department of Economic Development
10 (GDEcD); and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Henderson previously served as a senior project manager for GDEcD,
12 focusing on the life sciences industry and working with an array of life sciences companies
13 and assisting industry leaders with locations or expansions in Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, prior to joining the department in 2000, she worked for economic development
15 organizations in her home state after earning her Master of Public Administration degree
16 from Indiana University; and

17 WHEREAS, as a leader of the Innovation and Technology Office in Georgia, Ms. Henderson
18 works to identify and recruit innovation based companies to the area and assists existing
19 industry based businesses with strategic planning and building; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is home to more that 18,000 biosciences researchers and
21 scientists in addition to world-class research institutions and technological resources; and

22 WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2012, Georgia landed 29 percent more life sciences economic
23 development projects compared with the prior year; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Henderson contributed a vital component of the year's exemplary
25 development through her commitment to networking; and

26 WHEREAS, she spent much of her first seven years with GDEcD becoming familiar with
27 the assets of Georgia at the university level, joining organizations, serving on boards, and
28 mentoring various youths; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Henderson also spent her time perfecting a marketing strategy to raise
30 awareness of the assets of this state to a broader audience; and

31 WHEREAS, with her feet firmly planted in southern soil, Ms. Carol Henderson draws
32 strength from her Indiana roots to continuously work toward building both a solid, local life
33 sciences industry and a sustainable, healthier community, and it is abundantly fitting and
34 proper that she be recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize Ms. Carol Henderson for her dedication to improving her community and the life
37 sciences industry, commend her for being named a "Woman to Watch" by the *Atlanta*
38 *Tribune*, and extend their best wishes for her continued success.

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. Carol Henderson.