

## Senate Resolution 1059

By: Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jocelyn Dorsey; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jocelyn Dorsey has been with WSB-TV for nearly 35 years. She has been  
3 Director of Editorials & Public Affairs at Channel 2 since 1983. From 1973-83, Jocelyn was  
4 an anchor/reporter/producer and assignment editor for WSB-TV's Channel 2 Action News.  
5 In fact, she was the first African-American anchor of a Channel 2 newscast as well as the  
6 first African-American news anchor in the Atlanta market; and

7 WHEREAS, her current responsibilities at WSB-TV include research, writing, and  
8 production of editorials broadcast by WSB-TV Vice President & General Manager Tim  
9 McVay. Jocelyn is also Executive Producer and Host of People 2 People, a weekly half-hour  
10 public affairs program which is broadcast at 6:30 a.m. Sunday mornings on Channel 2; and

11 WHEREAS, she supervises the selection, creation, and marketing efforts for all special  
12 events and community outreach programs for the Family 2 Family Project; WSB-TV public  
13 service projects, Channel 2 Speaker's Bureau, and Tours. In addition, Jocelyn is a producer,  
14 writer, and narrator for various corporate and non-profit organization videos. Jocelyn has  
15 won numerous awards for her work with WSB-TV, including seven Southeast Regional  
16 Emmys for Editorial Excellence from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences  
17 (NATAS); and

18 WHEREAS, among her personal honors, Jocelyn was the first African-American inducted  
19 into the NATAS Silver Circle, for more than 25 years in the field of journalism. She was  
20 also the first woman and first African-American to receive the Georgia Association of  
21 Broadcasters (GAB) Broadcaster's Citizen of the Year Award, a lifetime-achievement award;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Jocelyn has been inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists  
24 (NABJ)-Region IV-Hall of Fame and has been named National Media Woman of the Year

25 by the National Association of Media Women. Other civic honors include the first Georgia  
26 Chapter-United Cerebral Palsy Woman of the Year, the YWCA Academy of Women  
27 Achievers, and the Winnie Mandela Humanitarian Award of Honor; and

28 WHEREAS, she has received commendations from the State of Georgia, Fulton County  
29 Board of Commissioners, and DeKalb County Board of Commissioners for her 30 years of  
30 service to the community. Jocelyn was named Pioneer Black Journalist, the highest award  
31 bestowed by the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists, and was recognized by Atlanta  
32 Magazine as a "Woman making a Mark"; and

33 WHEREAS, her active board affiliations include Sisters By Choice, Inc., Piedmont Park  
34 Conservancy, The Real Deal Program, and the Police Memorial Ride. Her advisory board  
35 affiliations include Sisters By Choice, Inc., Piedmont Park Conservancy, Children's  
36 Restoration Network, National Grandparents Raising Grandchildren's Advisory Board,  
37 National Underground Railroad, International Women's Forum of Georgia, Hands On Atlanta  
38 Advisory Council, and Leadership Atlanta Class of 1989.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 commend Jocelyn Dorsey for her many accomplishments and her contributions to the welfare  
41 of her community and this state.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jocelyn Dorsey.