

Senate Resolution 475

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Hill of the 6th, Dugan of the 30th and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Britnee Kinard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Britnee Kinard of Claxton, Georgia, was honored with the prestigious Lincoln
3 Caregiver Award in recognition of her outstanding achievement and excellence in providing
4 opportunities and support to United States veterans and military families; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she received the award at an event at the John F. Kennedy Center for the
6 Performing Arts Concert Hall on January 7, 2015, in Washington, D.C.; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Britnee Kinard has worked tirelessly as a caregiver and advocate for her
8 husband, Sergeant Douglas Hamilton Kinard, Jr., who was honored with a Purple Heart for
9 his service in the United States Army; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she cares for her two sons, Blayne and Maks, the eldest of whom was diagnosed
11 with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder, Mixed Receptive/Expressive
12 Language Disorder, and Stephens-Johnson Syndrome; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she and her husband founded the SD Gunner Fund, a nonprofit that provides
14 financial assistance to veterans and children who have or are in need of service animals, after
15 she struggled with Veterans Affairs for many months to approve the use of her family's
16 service dog, Gunner; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Britnee Kinard has partnered with several organizations that provide mental
18 health support and awareness about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, battle buddy support,
19 and assistance to military families with autistic children; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she continues to serve United States veterans and military families and plans
21 to assist 2,500 to 3,000 military families over the course of the next year.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend Britnee Kinard for her dedicated service to United States veterans
24 and military families and congratulate her upon being honored with the Lincoln Caregiver
25 Award.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Britnee Kinard.