

Senate Resolution 1183

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Patrise Perkins-Hooker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Patrise Perkins-Hooker, a well-respected and highly distinguished attorney, was  
3 elected in 2014 as the first African American to serve as the president of the Georgia State  
4 Bar, where she also served as vice president, secretary, and treasurer; and

5 WHEREAS, this native Atlantan attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and earned  
6 a bachelor's degree in industrial management, and she also entered Emory's MBA program  
7 to work toward a degree in accounting; and

8 WHEREAS, she was advised to pursue a law degree to fill a need for Black corporate  
9 attorneys, and as a result, she finished Emory with high honors and dual degrees – an MBA  
10 and a Juris Doctor; and

11 WHEREAS, during her diverse career, Patrise Perkins-Hooker has been a Certified Public  
12 Accountant, established her own private practice, worked with several prominent engineering  
13 and law firms, and served on the State of Georgia Bar Association's Board of Governors and  
14 the Commission on Children and the Courts; she currently serves as the vice president and  
15 general counsel for the Atlanta Beltline; and

16 WHEREAS, Patrise Perkins-Hooker is a long-time member of the Georgia Association of  
17 Black Women Attorneys and proudly served as the Gate City Bar Association's president in  
18 1996 and treasurer in 2003; and

19 WHEREAS, this dedicated individual believes in giving back to her community and is  
20 involved with several groups and organizations, including her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha;  
21 the Atlanta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (former president); the Gate City Bar  
22 Association (president); the Juvenile Justice Fund (founder); Angela's House (co-founder);

23 the Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU chair); and Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (youth  
24 ministry); and

25 WHEREAS, Patrise Perkins-Hooker has used her knowledge and skills to develop  
26 relationships with young women and mentor them along her philosophy of service and  
27 leadership; and

28 WHEREAS, Patrise Perkins-Hooker has received numerous awards, honors, and  
29 recognitions, including the *Wall Street Journal* Outstanding Achievement Award, Supreme  
30 Court of Georgia Amicus Curiae Award, and the Emory Law School Eleanor Raoul Greene  
31 Trailblazer Award, and she has been featured in *Atlanta Magazine's* "Super Lawyers" plus  
32 various editions of *Who's Who*; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
34 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize and commend Patrise Perkins-Hooker for her community work, mentorship, and  
37 leadership and extend most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Patrise  
40 Perkins-Hooker.